



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 2017~2018 school year at Montessori. Open House will be held on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm~7pm this is a time for you and your child to explore the environment, meet the teachers, the new students and become part of our Montessori family.

Our aim is to create an environment that will strongly encourage academic, social and emotional growth. Since I strongly agree that communication is the key and is extremely important, I believe that if all of us work together we will achieve that and much more.

This is the beginning to a foundation of a successful educational experience for both you and your child. The success of a child comes not only from the teacher but from the guidance, love and support of their parents. The environment has been carefully prepared and we are excited to begin.

Snack bags are enclosed. Feel free to have your child decorate it and make sure their name is on it. Please keep in mind a healthy snack is best in helping your child have the necessary fuel to engage in activities throughout the day. If your child is a full time student please send two snacks one for morning and one for afternoon.

Birthdays will be celebrated on your child's birth date, should the date fall on a weekend we will celebrate on the Friday before. **FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Please send in a poster made up of photos, one for each year of your child's life with a caption under each photo. This is a great family activity, one that the children truly enjoy.

Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> will be a difficult day for some children and parents as well. You may both experience some separation anxiety. This is a natural process. We ask that you say good-bye at the playroom door and not linger. This will make the separation somewhat easier for all.

Please rest assured that we will try to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please feel free to call the school and check on your child as you will find that they are busy exploring in their prepared environment.

A blanket will be going home with each child, in order to maintain a healthy environment please wash and return the blanket in a bag labeled with your child's name. Place the bag in the hall on the hook below your child's name as soon as possible. This is a wonderful way to start the nap transition from the comforting scent of home while away at school.

The fresh flowers calendar will begin on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Each child will be asked to bring in a fresh bouquet of flowers. This is a great way to begin the sharing /social process of our environment. There will be a calendar posted outside the classroom each month and will also be sent home in your child's folder. Please check to see when it is your child's turn.

It is a great privilege and responsibility to be your child's teacher and I look forward to a productive year ahead. Thank you in advance for all that you do to make your child's environment a wonderful place to learn and grow. Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and see me as I am always available to meet with you. I am available before school from 8:00AM – 8:20AM and after 3:30 by appointment.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Lynne Anselmo*

Montessori Teacher – Class B