



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 2018-2019 school year at Montessori. Open House will be held on Friday September 7th from 6pm-7pm. This is an opportunity for you and your children to explore the environment, meet the teachers, and all the students as we welcome you as part of our Montessori family.

Our aim is to create an environment that will strongly encourage academic, social and emotional growth. I believe that communication between parents and teachers is very important. Working 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 begins at home and continues with the guidance, love and support of their teachers. 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 write their name on it. Please keep in mind that 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 sharing.

For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents and it is common for a child to be anxious the first week of school. That is why it is important to say good-bye to your child at the playroom door and not linger where they can see you. The quicker you leave the easier it is for the child. The staff will take good care of him/her and you are more than welcome to call and check on them.

A blanket will be going home with each child. 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 with the comforting scent of home while away at school.

The fresh flowers calendar will begin on Monday, September 17th. 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. I am available before school from 8:00AM – 8:10AM and after 3:30PM by appointment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynne Anselmo

Montessori Teacher – Class B