



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

I am truly honored to welcome you and your child into our classroom family. Beginning a new school year is always exciting, and I look forward to getting to know each of you as we partner together in one of the most important journeys of your child's life.

As I prepare the classroom each school year, my goal is to create a peaceful environment where children feel safe, respected, inspired, and confident to explore. Every material has a purpose, every shelf is intentionally prepared, and every detail is designed to foster independence, curiosity, and a genuine love of learning. I firmly believe that when children feel secure, valued, and happy in their environment, they are free to become the very best version of themselves.

For those I have not yet met, I'd like to share a little about myself. I completed my Montessori training and earned my AMI Montessori Teaching Credential in 1988 and have had the privilege of teaching Montessori ever since. I joined the Arborland family in 1995 and have been able to serve our school community for over 30 years. Throughout my time at Arborland, I have taught at both campuses and also served as Dr. Chen's Assistant Principal before joyfully returning to the classroom. There is truly no place I would rather be than learning alongside children each day.

Our daily schedule includes:

8:30–9:00 — Arrival and Socialization

9:00–11:00 — Montessori Lessons and Work Cycle

11:00–11:30 — Group Time

11:30–12:00 — Outdoor Playtime

12:00–12:30 — Lunch

12:30–2:30 — Quiet Time (Younger Children)

12:30–1:00 — Indoor Free Time

1:00–2:45 — Montessori Lessons and Work Cycle (Older Children)

2:45–3:00 — Closing Group Time

3:00–3:15 — Dismissal & After School Care

To help your child have a successful year, please send:

- One complete change of clothes, clearly labeled.
- If your child naps, a crib-size fitted sheet and a small blanket. Nap items will be sent home

each Friday for washing.

Throughout the year, your child's work will be sent home regularly. Each child has an individual work file in our classroom. Please don't be concerned if your child doesn't bring home paper every day. Much of the Montessori curriculum involves hands-on materials that build concentration, problem-solving, independence, and confidence—learning that cannot always be measured on paper but is incredibly meaningful.

Your child's birthday is a special time. If you would like to recognize this event, please contact me a few days before so we can make arrangements. You are welcome to bring healthy snacks such as vanilla yogurt and fresh fruit for the birthday celebration. Also, please provide a picture of each year to show your child's timeline and put the pictures on a poster board with an explanation. We celebrate your child's birthday by learning your child's history.

The school provides snacks, crackers and cheese, fruit, yogurt, carrots and ranch dressing and so forth. If you wish your child to bring a home lunch, please make sure he/she has healthy foods. Arborland has a **no candy, gum, nuts or soda policy**. Healthy food will help your child through the day better. Please let me know if your child has any allergies.

One of the greatest gifts we can give your child is a strong partnership between home and school. Open communication is incredibly important to me, and I encourage you to reach out whenever you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share something about your child. You can also find updates and photos through the Transparent Classroom app. Together, we can create an environment where your child feels supported, celebrated, and excited to learn each day.

I am available after school until 4:00 p.m., or you may email me at mssnider@arborland.com. I will always do my best to respond as promptly as possible.

Thank you for entrusting me with your child. It is a responsibility I never take lightly. I look forward to a year filled with growth, discovery, laughter, and many wonderful memories.

Warmly,

Mrs. Snider
Montessori Directress
Classroom 10