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Dear Parents of Classroom C,

Welcome to Arborland Montessori Classroom C, a Mandarin and English dual language classroom. My name is Sara Shi and the children know me as Shi Lao Shi (literally “Shi Teacher” in Mandarin). I joined Arborland family in 2016 as an intern while pursuing my AMS Montessori teaching credential. Witnessing the children’s love of learning affirms my desire of helping them to grow and learn. I completed my Montessori teaching credential in 2017 and have had incredible experience working with Ms. Salzman as the Mandarin Montessori teacher in Classroom A for the past six years. My Bachelor Degree was in Music Education from ShaoXing University, China. My Master Degree was in Music Education from Azusa Pacific University, California. I am grateful for the opportunity to be the lead Montessori teacher in Classroom C and very much looking forward to guiding your child learning both Mandarin and English by following Arborland Montessori curriculum,

Our assistant teacher is Ms. Hann. Ms. Hann has more than 10 years of experience as an assistant teacher in the primary Montessori classroom. She also has been with Arborland for more than 13 years. We are excited to welcome you and your child to our class. Our goal is to maximize your child’s potential. We want your child to grow with joyful experience and confidence.

Communication is vital in partnership. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child’s progress or curriculum, please contact me, regardless of how small or unimportant you may think the concern is. We have scheduled biannual conferences, but this is not the only time you can communicate with me.

Below is a sample daily schedule of what your children will be doing in the classroom:

- 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Montessori work session
(Practical life, sensorial, language / Mandarin, math, culture, music and art)
- 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Mandarin learning group time
- 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Outdoor playtime
- 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Younger children nap time (under age four)

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- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Group discussion and story time
- 1:30 - 2:40 p.m. Montessori work session
(Sensorial, language / Mandarin, math, culture, music)
- 2:40 - 3:00 p.m. Mandarin learning group time
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Dismissal

Montessori curriculum starts at 9:00 daily, so please be sure to have your child at school before 8:45 a.m.

Here are a few reminders for your reference:

- Daily use supplies: A small lunch box (only home lunch students) and water bottle
- Personal belongings shelves: When you drop off your child at door 7, there are 2 shelves for children to put away their personal belongings.
- Montessori daily work folder: Every child will have their own labeled folder to sort the works they practice every day. *(If your child leaves at 3:00 p.m., they will bring their work to you. If your child leaves during childcare time, the childcare teacher will help your student bring work with them)*
- Nap supplies (only if your child is under age four): A fitted sheet (crib size), and a thin blanket. *(Please take your nap supplies back every Friday to wash and keep clean)*
- Extra supplements: Extra set of clothes, earthquake emergency kit and extra set of masks. *(Please label your child's clothes and place into a single Ziploc bag)*
- Share day: Share day is every Friday. Your child may bring an educational item to share with the class during circle time such as a book, rocks, shells, special discoveries, souvenirs from a trip/vacation or family photos. It helps children improve speaking skills and feel comfortable talking in front of a group of peers. Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. We are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items.
- Birthday celebrations: Parents are welcome to bring child-size cupcakes or other snacks to share with the children. *(Food allergies may apply, please communicate with me ahead of time. Provide plates, napkins or other necessary utensils. Please note that party favors or goodie bags are not accepted at school.)*

Other school activities and events will be announced during the school year. We are so excited to welcome you and look forward to a wonderful school year together.

Best wishes,
Siqi Sara Shi
Montessori Directress, Classroom C

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- As we have limited space, we appreciate your support in using a small lunch box for home lunches. Here is an example for a small lunch box:

