

Welcome to Room A1!

MEET THE TEACHER!

Hi, I'm Ms. Karla and I am the Lead Teacher for Room A1! I would like to extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning families!

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with a concentration in Education from CSUF, and took additional Infant/Toddler courses through UCLA extension. I also obtained my Infant/Toddler Montessori Teaching Credential from UCI! I began working with children 10 years ago through volunteer work in high school. I have been at Arborland for 5 years, making this my 7th year as a teacher! I have always loved working with children, and I am so excited to help your child grow!

I aim to provide a loving, nurturing, and prepared environment for your child to safely learn and thrive in. I hope to have your children develop the same love for learning that I was able to have thanks to my own teachers when I was little!

I am always available to talk before or after school! We will have two parent-teacher conferences during the school year, however, you are always more than welcome to talk to me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's development!

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year! Please keep in mind that my priority during the day is your child's learning and safety. I will try to respond to your messages by the end of the day. If there is an emergency, please contact the front office and the office will relay the message to me. If there is an emergency at the school, we will notify you ASAP; if we are unable to reach parents, we will notify the first person listed on your child's emergency contact list.

I am always here to help and support you and your child! Thank you for choosing us to care for your little ones, I am looking forward to seeing all of you!



MS. KARLA

Lead Montessori Teacher

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Meet our ASSISTANT TEACHERS!



Ms. Melissa
Assistant Teacher

Hello, my name is Ms. Melissa and I will be an Assistant Teacher in your child's toddler class this year! I am currently working towards completing my Associate's Degree in Child Development at Saddleback College. I have been working at Arborland for 5 years. In addition, I have also been babysitting and volunteering at Sunday School where I've had the privilege to work alongside toddlers/infants for the past 10 years. I am excited for the new school year to begin and I looking forward to working with your child!



Ms. Ally
Assistant Teacher

Hi there! My name is Ms. Ally and I will be one of the Assistant Teachers! I received my Bachelor's Degree in Child and Adolescent Development with a minor in Education from San Francisco State University. I have been working with children in different capacities for about 10 years, and I've been working in preschools for about 3.5 years. I have been at Arborland for 2 years! I am looking forward to helping your children become more independent and grow a love for learning!



Ms. Marissa
Assistant Teacher

Hi, my name is Ms. Marissa and I am thrilled to be an Assistant Teacher in your child's classroom! I am currently completing my Child Development units at Laguna Tech College. I joined the Arborland family when I was 18 months old, as a student in this same classroom! I have been working at Arborland for 2 years. I began working with the Primary classes as a Childcare Teacher, and officially joined the Toddler Room last year! Being able to work in the different classrooms solidified my interest in working in the Montessori field. I am so excited to get to know your children!

Our Daily ROUTINE

7:00-8:30	Morning Childcare (*In Room B before 7:30AM*)
8:30-9:00	Morning Drop-Off & Socialization
9:00-9:15	Snack Time
9:15- 10:05	Group 1 Outdoor Play Time, Group 2 Montessori Work Time
10:05-10:55	Group 2 Outdoor Play Time, Group 1 Montessori Work Time
10:55- 11:30	Circle Time (days of the week, practice counting, weather, months of the year, go over colors/shapes/letter sounds, sing songs, read books)
11:30-12:00	Lunch Time
12:00-12:30	Clean-up/Potties/Prep for Nap
12:30- 2:30	Nap Time
2:30- 3:00	Potties/Closing Circle Time (read books, music & movement)
3:00- 3:15	Dismissal/Transition to Afternoon Childcare
3:15- 6:30	Afternoon Childcare

POTTY ROUTINE

In order to prepare for potty training, we create a routine for going potty. We have children go potty & check/change diapers every hour beginning at 9:00. This routine also includes: diaper changes while standing, pulling the pull-ups/pants up and down independently, sitting on the toilet, wiping, and washing hands. Pull-Ups are preferred over diapers as they help your child practice the motion of pulling their pants up/down easily!

Classroom INFORMATION

DAILY REPORT:

Every day we will provide you with a daily report through Transparent Classroom that includes: diaper changes, morning/afternoon snack, lunch, and nap. Please keep in mind that if you have any questions regarding your child's daily report/activity, you are unable to reply directly through Transparent Classroom. You will have to ask me directly instead, either in person or through email!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

During the last week of the month, you will receive our Monthly Newsletter. This newsletter will have information such as: classroom updates, upcoming events, upcoming birthdays, as well as what activities we have planned for the upcoming month! Additionally, the newsletter will contain pictures from the month before of the children playing, working, and more.

BIRTHDAYS:

If you would like to bring a snack for your child's birthday, please let me know ahead of time! We will celebrate your child's birthday during morning snack around 9:00, and I will send pictures to you later in the day!

ILLNESS & MEDICATION:

If you notice that your child is not feeling well, please keep your child at home in order to keep our class healthy. Although we have each child wash their hands frequently, illnesses tend to spread quickly among young children. If we notice that your child is not feeling well, we will notify you right away. **If your child has a fever, they need to stay at home and will not be permitted to return to school until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours.**

Additionally, if for any reason your child needs to take medication at school, there are forms that you will need to fill out in order for me to administer the medication. Please make sure to leave the medicine in the original container or I will not be allowed to accept and administer it.

DAILY ATTIRE:

Please bring your child in comfortable clothing that they can play in freely and can get dirty. We also ask that you bring your child in closed-toed shoes as they provide better protection for their feet. Keep in mind that we encourage the children to dress themselves when there is an opportunity for them to try. Please do not bring your child in onesies or rompers! The easier the clothing is to put on, the easier it will be for your child.

What to BRING TO SCHOOL

DAILY/WEEKLY:

- Reusable water bottle
- Toddler-sized bag/backpack
- A snack (if your child is staying later than 4:30PM)
- For Nap Time (weekly):
 - 1 crib sized bed sheet
 - 1 small blanket
 - Bag to carry the sheets (We will send home the sheets to wash every Friday and leave the bag at school during the week)

SNACK:

- A snack will be provided for your child in the morning. An afternoon snack will be provided for your child if they are enrolled in the childcare program. If your child is staying for childcare past 4:30pm, we ask that you please bring one snack for your child to eat. If your child is not staying for childcare, please limit snacks brought from home as this may discourage your child from eating their lunch. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or any dietary restrictions! As a reminder, Arborland is a nut-free facility. **Please DO NOT bring any food with nuts into our classroom!**

OPTIONAL:

- Sunscreen for outside playtime (please fill out a medication form if you bring sunscreen since it counts as a medication!)
- Hat for outside playtime
- Extra shoes (only if currently potty training)

AS NEEDED:

- Baby Wipes (1 pack)
- 3 shirts
- 3 pants
- 3 socks
- Pull-Ups (1 pack)
 - Please DO NOT bring Easy-Ups! If you bring them, we will send them home and ask for regular pull-ups.



REMINDERS:

- Please label ALL of your child's belongings to avoid them getting lost at school!
- We will write a note on Transparent Classroom when your child needs more Pull-Ups, wipes, clothes, etc. Please bring in what we ask for as soon as possible to avoid having your child run out of anything they might need at school!