



# ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Dear Arborland Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Arborland Montessori Children's Academy! As we embark on this new journey together, I am filled with excitement and anticipation. Our classrooms are abuzz with activity, and the air is charged with the promise of growth, learning, and discovery. At the heart of our Montessori philosophy is the goal to "prepare the child to be successful in life."

But what does it mean for your child to be successful in life? Does success mean grades or achievements or holistic growth of your child? How can your child thrive in the future? This journey begins with building life-long habits, and we kindly ask for your support in implementing the following:

1. **Create a consistent schedule** for your child, including regular bedtimes and bedtime routines.
2. **Bring your child to school on time** (Jr High at 8 am, Elementary at 8:30 am, and Toddler/Primary before 9 am).
3. **Encourage independence** by empowering your child to do what they are capable of doing
  - a. Jr High - community service to develop social independence and to understand "who am I"
  - b. Elementary - research answers to develop mental independence
  - c. Primary/Toddler - carry their own bags and walk to class to develop physical independence
4. **During drop-off, say a quick goodbye** and avoid lingering to help ease separation anxiety.
5. **Celebrate persistence, resilience, and hard work**, not just results. Success is about giving your best, not always being the best.
6. **Model compassion** by showing kindness to others. Children learn empathy by observing and participating in kind acts.
7. **Encourage desirable behavior** and address inappropriate behavior constructively.
8. **Read together instead of providing screen time**. Books open doors to knowledge, imagination, and understanding. Reading aloud allows children to practice critical thinking while sharing quality time with you.

I invite you to reflect on what success means to you as a parent. Envision your child's future: confident, capable, and fulfilled. What dreams and aspirations do you hold for your child? Life is a journey and we are here to support your child's growth every step of the way.

I look forward to a school year filled with curiosity, learning, and shared discoveries!

With warm regards,

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Principal