



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents of Classroom C,

Hello! Welcome to the Room C Family. I am your child's Montessori teacher, please call me Shi Lao Shi. I have been working at Arborland since 2016 alongside my mentor, Ms. Salzman, and became the lead teacher of Classroom C in 2022. I am excited to share the Montessori spirit this upcoming year with you and your child, who alongside learning Montessori work will enjoy music education. I have a master's degree in Music Education and my Montessori teaching credential for the primary age. My 15 years of music teaching will inspire your child to perceive the world differently. I look forward to guiding your child through both English and Mandarin by following Arborland Montessori's curriculum.

Our assistant teacher, Ms. Hann has many years of experience working with preschool-age children. Her son, Oliver is an Arborland alumni who is currently attending NYU pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration.

The goal of Arborland Montessori is to maximize your child's potential. We want your child to grow with joyful experience and confidence. Below is a sample daily schedule:

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Montessori lessons & work session
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Mandarin learning group time
11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Outdoor playtime
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Nap time for children under age 4
1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Group discussion and story time
1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Montessori lessons & work session
2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Group time
3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Dismissal and transition to after school childcare

Two-way communication between teacher and parents is necessary for your child's achievement. The more parents and teachers share relevant information with each other about a child, the better equipped both will be to optimize the child's outcomes. If you have any questions or concerns, email me at shilaoshi@arborland.com, I check my email frequently. In person communication is also a welcome approach for me to get to know you and your child. Feel free to have a short chat when you see me during drop off or pick up time.

A few reminders for your reference:

- Supplies: A water bottle, labeled set of clothes, and earthquake emergency kit. Bring a lunch box if your child will be having lunch from home.

- Nap supplies (for children under age 4): Please bring a fitted sheet (crib size) and a blanket on Monday mornings. Nap gear will go home on Fridays to be laundered.
- Share day: Share day is every Friday. Your child may bring an educational item to share with the class during circle time such as books, 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 their peers. School policy does 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 healthy snacks to share with the children. Food allergies may apply so please communicate with me ahead of time. Plates, napkins or other necessary utensils must also be provided. Please note that party favors or goodie bags are not accepted at school.

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

Best wishes,

Shi Lao Shi

Montessori Directress, Classroom C

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