



# ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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## **Welcome to Arborland Montessori Classroom 1**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 at Arborland Montessori. I'm sure all the children are eager to get back to school after a very long break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the returning parents/children and to our new parents/children. I am Ms. Cole and I have been teaching the Montessori primary level, 3-6 years old, for 36 years. I have been with Arborland for 18 years. Ms. Rokosz, my assistant, has been with me for 16 years and is an experienced teacher as well and we are looking forward to a safe and wonderful year.

Our daily schedule:

8:30-10:45	Lessons in reading, language, math, science, geography, practical life, writing and sensorial.
10:45-11:00	Outdoor playtime.
11:00-11:15	Circle time, group singing and story time.
11:15-12:15	Lunch
12:15-12:30	Outdoor playtime.
12:30-2:30	Younger children rest while older children continue with individual lessons and work time
2:45-3:00	Group time.
3:00	Dismissal

**Due to the Pandemic, we are making every effort to keep all children and staff safe. Here are the guidelines we are following given by the CDC.**

### **In-Person Learning**

1. Take temperature of every student and employee. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher needs to go home.
2. Everyone must wear a mask on campus except for children who are 2 or younger.
3. Our campus is only open for students and employees. Parents and visitors need to remain in the lobby area and ask the office staff to help you.

4. Only one adult is needed to drop off or pick up your child. Other family members please remain in the car to avoid crowds.
5. Sign-in/out sheets will have one new sheet each day along with sanitized pens.
6. Social distance is expected at all times and we will remind the students to socialize with physical distance.
7. Frequent hand washing is expected and all students will wash hands before food, after restroom, upon entering classrooms and more when needed.
8. The children will not be sharing materials. They will have their own table (and cots if nappers), at least 6 feet apart from the other children. Teachers will serve the snack and lunch to the children.
9. Any school equipment/material will be disinfected before allowing other students to use them.
10. Outdoor activities are encouraged and social distance is required for everyone.
11. Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected at least 3 times a day or after each touch (includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, toilets, faucets, sinks etc.).
12. Please keep your child home if he/she is sick.

In order to minimize virus exposure, we would like to know your drop off and pick-up time to schedule our staff.

**Since we will not know how long this pandemic will last, please be assured we will take every precaution to protect your child and the staff.**

Please note that in Montessori, your child is learning every day by using classroom materials and as a result may or may not have work to take home. Be assured your child is always learning and absorbing. I would like the Kindergarten parents to be aware that we do not give homework. Please note that each child is an individual; we do not encourage comparing children's abilities.

Your child's birthday is a special time. If you would like to recognize this event please contact me a few days prior so we can make arrangements. Please bring a healthy snack such as vanilla yogurt and fresh fruit. Also, if you are able, please provide a picture of each year of your child's life. We will make a timeline from the pictures that your child can share with the class. **Until the pandemic is over, please do not bring any treat bags for the children. You may donate a book to the classroom with your child's name in the book.**

Each child will need to bring a change of clothes, weather appropriate, in a plastic zip lock bag with your child's name on the bag. The younger children (ages 2 and 3) who nap, need a crib sheet and a blanket with his/her name on them. Every Friday, the bedding will be sent home to be washed and returned to school the following Monday. Also, please do not send toys to school with your child.

The school provides snacks, crackers, apples, cheese etc., for your child during the morning class time. If you wish your child to bring a home lunch, please make sure they have healthy foods. No candy is allowed at school. Healthy foods will help your child through the day better. Please let me know of any allergies your child may have. **Please be aware that our school is a nut free environment.**

It is very important to have good communication between parent and teacher. You can contact me by e-mail or leave a note in my mailbox in the office. If you have any questions about your child's progress or any concerns, leave me a message and I will get back to you ASAP. I am also available from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support on all these issues. This is a challenging time for everyone and we will all get through it together. Your child is very special to us and Ms. Rokosz and I look forward to meeting you and your child soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cole