



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Dear Arborland Parents,

We are very happy to be your child's teachers for the 2023-2024 academic school year. We have a lot of learning and fun activities to look forward to. We welcome you and your child as you take part in joining our Arborland family. For all returning parents, welcome back! For new parents, welcome to Arborland! We are looking forward to building a wonderful relationship with you and your child.

To share a little bit about myself, my name is Maestra Michelle, and I will be joined by my assistant, Ms. Aurora. I have been happily teaching at Arborland for 17 years. My favorite color is green, and I love chocolate! My favorite movie is *The Goonies*. I also love to travel. I received my Bachelor of Science from California State University, Fullerton, in Child and Adolescent Development. In addition, I received my Montessori Teacher Credential from Western Montessori Teacher Training Program.

I am very happy to introduce my assistant, Ms. Aurora. Ms. Aurora received her Early Child Development Certification from Cerritos College and has over 8 years of teaching experience. Ms. Aurora joined the Arborland family in October 2021 and loves her role of an assistant teacher, because she supports children's development and growth as they reach important milestones. She also loves that no single day is the same when working with young children. Ms. Aurora enjoys crafting and gardening. Her favorite colors are orange and olive green. I am so excited to have Ms. Aurora as an assistant this year and am looking forward to many wonderful memories with her, the children of Classroom B, and you, the families.

Our Daily Schedule

8:30-9:00 Arrival & outdoor socialization (weather permitting)

9:00-9:15 Welcome friends in English and Spanish

9:15-11:15 Montessori learning (Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Geography, Science & Art)

11:15-11:30 Circle Time

11:30-12:00 Outdoor Playtime

12:00-12:30 Lunch time

12:30-1:00 Outdoor playtime for children 4 years and older

12:30-2:30 Nap/quiet time for children 3 years and younger

1:00-2:45 Montessori learning for older children

2:45-3:00 Group circle time

3:00 Dismissal and transition to childcare

3:00-3:15 Non-childcare children need to be picked up by 3:15p.m. (If children are not picked up by 3:15 p.m., children will be sent to childcare.)

Please sign your child in/out at the gate every day. If your child is having a difficult drop off and you need

assistance, please ask the office for help in easing your child into the classroom if you are dropping off your child late. It is very important that your child comes to school on time every day so he/she feels comfortable coming into the classroom with his classmates versus being the center of attention when he/she arrives late. A few more reminders for the upcoming school year:

1. Please label all personal belongings and send your child with only a small lunch pail, water bottle, pack of wipes and jacket/sweater when necessary. (***)If your child is under 4 years old, they are required to rest in the afternoon. Please bring a crib sized sheet and a lightweight blanket for them. Sheets and blankets will be taken home to wash every Friday and returned clean the following Monday)
2. Please also provide a large Ziploc bag with a set of extra clothes, underwear, socks, and an extra face mask if you want them to wear a mask.
3. Sharing of books or special items (trophies, souvenirs, medals, or pictures) are acceptable during group time. Sharing will be every Friday.
4. If you or your child are not feeling well, please keep your child home. If your child has a fever, the child must stay home for 24 hours after the fever has broken.

The school will provide a healthy snack between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. If your child brings lunch from home, please make sure they have healthy foods. We will encourage your child to eat as much of their lunch as possible. Please also remember that Arborland is a nut free school. We have children with airborne allergies to peanuts so for their safety please double check any snacks or lunch sent to school with your child.

Birthdays are very special to you, your child and us. Please make sure you contact us, so that all preparations can be made in the celebration of their birthday. A birthday poster and pictures can be brought into the classroom to share with the children along with a birthday timeline that we will give to each parent to fill out for his/her child's birthday. A small individual edible treat for the children is welcome.

It is very important that we communicate with each other throughout the school year. If you need to contact us for any reason, please leave a note in the front office or email us at our emails provided below. Thank you in advance for trusting us with your most precious child. We promise to treat your child as we would our own. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful school year with all the children and their families. We will do what is in our power to make this an amazing year!

Sincerely,

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