



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Hi Room E Parents!

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

We are excited to begin another wonderful year together and are thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those joining our classroom community for the very first time. It is a privilege to be part of your child's educational journey, and we look forward to partnering with you to create a year filled with growth, discovery, and meaningful experiences.

Our classroom is a place where every child is encouraged to feel safe, valued, and inspired to learn. Throughout the year, we will challenge students to think critically, celebrate their unique strengths, and develop the confidence to take on new opportunities. Along the way, we will also focus on building kindness, responsibility, resilience, and respect. These are important qualities that help children thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

We have an exciting year planned, full of engaging lessons, memorable activities, and plenty of opportunities to learn, laugh, and grow together. We can't wait to watch your children flourish academically, socially, and emotionally as they continue to discover the incredible people they are becoming. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this important chapter in your child's life. We are looking forward to an amazing year together!

Our classroom is guided by three dedicated teachers this year:

Lead Montessori Teacher

Ms. Jordan, an Orange County native, has worked in elementary education for the last 11 years, 5 of which have been spent at Arborland. During that time, Ms. Jordan fell in love with the Montessori philosophy and received Montessori training, obtaining an AMS Lower Elementary certification. She is currently working towards a Master's degree in Education from California Baptist University. In her free time, she enjoys taking road trips, hiking, cooking, painting, and attending live music events.

Co-Montessori Teacher

Ms. Cynthia also grew up in Orange County and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from CSUF. She taught dance at numerous schools throughout the area, including Arborland. Her interest inside the classroom led her to pursue a career in Montessori. She has her Lower Elementary Montessori

Teaching certification and has been happily working at Arborland for over 34 years. When she's not in the classroom, Ms. Cynthia enjoys taking long walks, spending time with family and friends, and cruising the world.

Assistant Teacher

Ms. Lily, born and raised in Redlands, CA, is an incoming sophomore at California State University, Fullerton. She is majoring in Child and Adolescent Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Education and has worked in an elementary school setting for almost two years. Outside of Arborland, she loves reading, cooking, and traveling.

This school year promises to be another productive partnership with you to ensure that your children will be able to achieve their highest potential. As partners, please share with us the responsibility for your child's success. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time (8:30 am), ready for the day's learning experience.
- Completes all homework assignments.
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve vocabulary and comprehension.
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- Lastly, but most importantly, knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school.

Let's work together to make this a joyful, enriching, and unforgettable school year!

Below, you'll find all the Need-To-Knows for the School Year:

Framework of Classroom Schedule:

8:30-9:00	Class Meeting/Whole Class Lesson Presentation
9:00-12:00	Morning Montessori Learning & Work Time
12:00-12:30	Lunch Time
12:30-1:00	Recess Time
1:00-3:00	Afternoon Montessori Learning & Work Time
3:00-3:15	Dismissal to go home or to childcare

As part of the elementary curriculum, students will learn math, language arts, social science, science, PE, art, music, technology/digital citizenship, performing arts, public speaking, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese, and character education. The subjects are taught as an integrated curriculum with increasing complexity over a 3-year-cycle. This year's social science curriculum will focus on a study of people and places in the United States and bring in global and cultural learning about Africa for our International Culture Day study. This year's science curriculum will focus on life science in

the fall and chemistry in the spring.

Homework

Contrary to popular belief, Montessori children do have homework. Montessori education is continuous. Therefore, it is important that children have continued opportunities in their own homes to assume responsibility, accept natural consequences, manage time, and choose activities wisely. Their homework packet is given every Friday and due the following Friday so that you may plan and schedule your child's other activities. However, lessons are given daily so while your child is welcome to work ahead, please note that lessons may not have been taught yet. Please remember that children learn by doing. They need to participate actively in all areas of life and living. They are capable, energetic, and ready to take on responsibility.

Supply List

- 1 - 2-inch binder with a zipper to carry homework (please fill with lined paper, pencils, and erasers)
- 4 separate pocket folders for Music, Art, Spanish, and Unfinished Work
- 1 - 1-inch three ring binder for Chinese
- 1 pack of white wide-ruled lined paper
- Graph paper notebook (3rd graders only)
- 1 pack of pencils with child's initials written on them (Only 2nd and 3rd graders may use mechanical pencils)
- Erasers (3)
- Colored pencils
- Crayons and/or washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 - 12-inch plain ruler containing metric and standard measurements
- 4 Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpener (non-battery powered, please!)
- 1 set of watercolors
- Pencil box to hold supplies
- Art mixed media sketchbook

Please clearly label the above items so they are ready for the first day of school!

Supplies provided by Arborland:

- Homework folder
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition book

P.E. at Pacific Drive Park

For P.E., we enjoy traveling to Pacific Drive Park (right down the street)! The children look forward to this weekly trip because of the extra space for them to exercise. During these trips, your child is required to wear their Arborland T-shirt. Unfortunately, if your child is unprepared with their shirt, they will not be allowed to participate in the trip to the park for that day. However, Arborland T-shirts are available for purchase through the front office.

Technology and Laptops/Tablets

We are thrilled to implement technology in our classroom as a hands-on educational tool so we ask that your child bring a laptop or tablet to class to enhance their learning. Before we hop online, we will be learning what it means to be a good “Digital Citizen.” On their devices, children will have opportunities to practice key-boarding skills, word processing, slide presentations, and even a little coding. The use of technology is for educational purposes only. Non-academic websites and activities will not be allowed on campus. Your child should be ready to bring a charged device to school every Thursday beginning September 17, 2026.

Snack

We will take a 10 minute break each morning during which the children may enjoy a snack. Please send your child with a small, nutritious snack each day. Snacks such as raisins, a granola bar, fruit, vegetables, etc. are encouraged! Candy, gum, soda, and nuts are not allowed. The microwave will not be available during snack time.

Lunch

If you chose to send lunch to school with your child, we will have a microwave available for their use during their lunch time and would be more than happy to help them with warm-ups!

Show and Tell

Children will be assigned a day each week where they may show and tell about something they treasure! Children are encouraged to bring a book, something they made, a souvenir, or pictures from a family event/outing. Please refrain from bringing toys as this is a public speaking opportunity and toys tend to be distracting. Pets are also welcomed for Show and Tell, however, we would require advanced notice as we may have students with allergies.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a special day for the students and want to recognize your child on this special day. Small birthday treats to share with the class are welcome. If necessary, please provide plates, napkins, utensils and cups. Birthdays will be celebrated at the end of the work day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on your child’s half-birthday.

Miscellaneous

- When your child is picked up from school, please be sure to check that they have all of their belongings including lunch boxes, jackets, umbrellas, dance/swim bags, tennis rackets, etc. We ask that all items are labeled, as this will help ensure nothing of value ends up in the Lost and Found.
- In order to keep everyone healthy, we will continue to practice safety procedures such as frequent hand-washing. If your child is sick, please keep them home so they can get much needed rest. Please note that following a fever, children must stay home school for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal.
- Each week, corrected classwork will be sent home with your child. Children are allowed time to do corrections in class and repeated lessons are offered as needed. Though every mistake by your child may not be highlighted as we strive to gauge a child's readiness to absorb, rest assured that making mistakes is a natural part of learning and your child is learning at his or her own pace.
- Please take the time to read through the school handbook located under Parents' Corner of our website www.Arborland.com for more information on school policies.

A Note About Classroom Visits

We truly value the partnership we share with our families and love welcoming parents into our classroom for scheduled volunteer opportunities, special events, and celebrations throughout the year. Your involvement is an important part of our classroom community!

To provide all students with a consistently focused learning environment during a regular school day, our elementary classroom is closed to visitors during the instructional day from 8:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m. in accordance with school policy. Once the school day has begun, students should enter the classroom independently. If your child arrives after 8:30am and our classroom door is closed, we kindly ask that you say your goodbyes at the door so they can transition into the classroom with minimal disruption to the learning already taking place.

Thank you for helping us establish routines that foster confidence, independence, and a positive learning environment for every student. We truly appreciate your understanding and support.

Parent-Teacher Communication

Jupiter

Jupiter Ed is the parent-teacher communication platform through which you will be able to see what your child is learning and working on. It is updated weekly, and will act as the clearest picture of your child's week-to-week learning.

Day-to-Day Communication

As you know, our primary responsibility during the school day is to teach and care for your children. Please be reminded that while school is in session, your children are our focus and we do not check our messages. That being said, parent-teacher communication is essential to your child's success! If you need to contact the lead teacher, Ms. Jordan will be available to speak face-to-face from 8:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm or at a scheduled time. For day-to-day communication, you are encouraged to send an email or leave a note in my mailbox located in the lobby and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If the matter is more urgent, please do not hesitate to call the office for immediate assistance.

We are looking forward to a productive school year in which children will blossom and begin a journey toward a life-long love of learning!

Warmly,

Ms. Jordan
Lead Montessori Teacher
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Ms. Cynthia
Co-Montessori Teacher