

ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Welcome to Toddler Room 7

On behalf of Arborland Montessori Children's Academy, I welcome you and your child to Toddler Room 7! I would like to extend a warm welcome to the returning parents and toddlers as well as to our new parents and toddlers. I am very excited about what the school year holds! Our classroom will be a wonderful place where your child can explore their environment and develop independence. Each child is different. We strive to meet their needs to the best of our ability. I believe that all children can and want to learn. As their teacher, my goal is to help your child be an independent, lifelong learner. I want the toddlers to develop and maintain a positive attitude towards school that provides future success and happiness.

Meet the Teacher

Ms. Sayra: I am so excited and very happy to be your childs' teacher. It's going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us. But first I would like to tell you a few things about myself. I have always wanted to be a teacher like my mom. I graduated in 2009 from Cerritos College with an Infant and Toddler Early Education Certification and my first seven years were spent as an Infant/Teacher at Speech and Language Development Center in Buena Park. For the past 10 years, I have been Montessori Teacher here in the Toddler Room 7 at the Hughes Campus. Being a teacher is one of my biggest successes in life. I'm so happy and grateful that I am also a part of your child's everyday life. And as we go about the routines of learning the sounds, letters, numbers, shapes, songs and their vocabulary grows, here is additional information for you to know.

Toddler Classroom Rules:

- We speak with inside voices
- We use our feet to walk, not run
- We use the materials in the way they were intended
- We return our work to it's appropriate place when we're finished
- We push in our chairs when we're finished at the table
- We place all trash in the trash can
- Most important: RESPECT We respect our environment and our friends

2. Monthly Newsletter/ Daily Report:

You will receive a Monthly Newsletter through Transparent Classroom the first week of every month. This newsletter will give you dates of the upcoming events and exciting

updates on what has or goes on in the classroom. You will receive a Daily Report and pictures through Transparent Classroom as well. Our Transparent Classroom is the best way to get a little insight of what happens throughout your child's day.

3. Illness:

Although childhood illnesses are inevitable, we can do our best to prevent their spread. If you know or suspect your toddler is not feeling well, please go to the doctor. If it's contagious, please be sure to inform our school; there is a good chance your child will spread it to another child. In the toddler setting, illnesses spread more easily because they tend to put things in their mouth more often than older children. We do disinfect the room and encourage lots of hand washing throughout the day as preventative measures. If we suspect your child is not feeling well, we will notify you. We do ask that if your child has a fever, they are kept home and will not be permitted to return to school until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours.

4. Naptime:

Toddler Naptime at school is between 12:30pm to 2:30pm. What you need to bring is a crib sheet, small blanket and small pillow if needed. If your child has a different schedule at home, please do your best to adjust it as closely to ours as possible. It can be very disruptive to their friends when a toddler is up and making noise while the others are trying to sleep.

5. Food/Drink/Snack:

A monthly lunch menu will be given to you and also posted in our classroom. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or is on a special diet. On the days we are having food they cannot eat, please bring in a substitute lunch. We encourage each child to eat using utensils and sitting at the table. We also ask you to practice eating at the table and not walking around with food or drinks. For the morning and afternoon snacks, an optional monthly signup sheet will be posted by the door. We encourage healthy snacks to share in class.

6. Birthday Recognition:

This is a very special day for you and your child. I would like to use this opportunity to give the children an experience of the passage of time with a personal timeline showing your child's stages of growth. A birthday timeline will be displayed in the classroom on your child's birthday. You may bring in a special snack to share (please provide plates, napkins, and necessary utensils). However, I would appreciate sharing healthy snacks and a discussion in advance about any snacks and the time of celebration.

7. Cubby/Diaper/Clothes bin:

Each toddler has their own cubby, diaper and clothes bin. Their cubby will contain any paperwork, art work, etc. Their diaper bin will contain diapers, wipes, ointment, etc. Their clothes bin will contain 3 changes of clothes, extra underwear if potty train, extra shoes, etc.

8. Potty Training:

When you feel that your toddler is ready for potty training, let us know. When we feel that your toddler is ready for potty training, we will let you know and we will do our best to encourage your toddler to sit on the potty.

9. Classroom Supplies:

- 1. Diapers: Please bring a package of diapers or pull-ups with velcro
- 2. Wipes
- 3. Diaper ointment or power if needed
- 4. Water cup
- 5. Hat
- 6. 3 changes of clothes- toddlers get messy throughout the day
- 7. Extra shoes or croc's
- 8. Bedding: crib size sheet, small blanket, and small pillow Take home every Friday to wash (If absolutely needed, may bring a stuffed animal or transitional object for your toddler to sleep with.)
- 9. <u>Please LABEL everything that belongs to your child!</u> This is very important to prevent you from losing any special articles.

Toddler Daily Schedule:

8:30-9:00	Arrival and free choice of work (exploration)
9:00-9:50	Montessori Work (Practical Life, Language, Sensorial, Math and Arts &
	Crafts)
9:50-10:00	Clean up/potty/wash hands
10:00-10:10	SNACK TIME
10:10-10:15	Clean up/ potty/line up for Outdoor play
10:15-10:50	OUTDOOR PLAY
10:50-11:00	Wash hands/ Potty/change diapers
11:00-11:20	CIRCLE TIME (Story time/music & movement)
11:20-11:30	Potty Time Check/change diapers; Wash Hand/get ready for lunch
11:30-12:00	LUNCH
12:00-12:30	Cleanup; Check/change diapers; Wash hands & prepare for nap
12:30- 2:30	Lights out for Nap
2:30-3:00	Potty/books or childcare work
2:45-3:00	Afternoon Snack (Childcare toddlers only)
3:00-3:15	Children Departure
3:00-3:45	Transition to childcare & outdoor play

I encourage you to contact me anytime you have questions or concerns about anything going on with your child or our class. I want to know how you feel about this school year, so let me know! I am able to speak with you before or after school or you may email to mssayra@arborland.com or leave a message with the office at 714-871-3111. You can check out our Transparent classroom, Arborland website, Facebook, Instagram, pictures for upcoming events and exciting updates on what has or goes on in the classroom. I want to make sure this transition is as easy for both parent and child as possible. Communication is the key in making sure we have a smooth sailing school year, so be sure I will do my best to make sure you know exactly what's going on.

I am looking forward to spending this year teaching your child and being part of a support system with you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Miss Sayra Martinez Toddler Teacher, Classroom 7 <u>mssayra@arborland.com</u>