



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Classroom 5! My name is Ms. Tanya Orozco, and I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! I have been a Primary Montessori teacher for over 7 years and continue to be inspired by the growth, independence, and joy that Montessori learning brings to children every day.

This is now my second year teaching at Arborland, and I continue to feel incredibly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive community. My journey in education actually began here at Arborland, where I first worked in the after-school childcare program. That experience inspired me to pursue my dream of becoming a Primary Montessori teacher. I returned to school to earn my Primary Montessori teaching credential, and coming back to Arborland as a Montessori Teacher truly felt like coming home.

I strongly believe that learning is a lifelong journey. In addition to teaching, I am continuing my own education and am currently working toward earning my bachelor's degree. I enjoy growing both personally and professionally so I can continue providing the best possible learning experience for my students.

Outside of the classroom, I am a proud mom to three amazing daughters and one very playful Golden Retriever, so life is always busy and full of adventure! I love spending time at the beach and being outdoors, whether it's enjoying nature or watching a beautiful sunset. Those moments help inspire me to create a calm, peaceful, and welcoming environment for the children in our classroom.

I believe in creating a peaceful, respectful learning environment where every child feels seen, valued, and capable. In our classroom, your child will be encouraged to explore, ask questions, and grow at their own pace. Whether this is your family's first Montessori experience or simply a new chapter, I am here to support both your child and your family throughout the year.

Respect and courtesy are the foundation of everything we do. Throughout the year, your child will develop important life skills, including:

- Respecting classroom materials, teachers, and classmates
- Helping a friend in need
- Choosing and completing work independently
- Returning materials to their proper place
- Pushing in their chair after leaving the table
- Cleaning up after themselves and caring for their environment

I truly look forward to partnering with you this year. Building strong relationships with families is very important to me, so please never hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or simply to share something about your child. Together, we can make this a wonderful year of learning and growth.

Below, you'll find important information about our classroom routines, materials, and policies to help the school year begin smoothly.

Daily Framework

***School starts at 8:30 am. Please have your child come on time so there are no interruptions in the classroom routine.**

- 8:30 - 9:00 Drop-off (quick kiss goodbye & hug) & socialization
- 9:00 - 11:00 Montessori lessons and work time in Practical Life, Sensorial, Language
Arts, Math, Cultural Subjects
- 11:00 - 11:30 Group Time
- 11:30 - 12:00 Lunch
- 12:00 - 1:00 Outdoor playtime
- 12:30 - 2:30 Rest time for children 3 and under
- 1:00 - 2:45 Montessori lessons and work time
- 2:45 - 3:00 Circle time, announcements and reminders
- 3:00 - 3:15 Dismissal to go home or to childcare

Child's Health

Infections, colds and viruses can spread quickly in a school environment. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, please keep the child home since their body needs to rest and recover:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Diarrhea & vomiting

A child must be free of all illness or symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours.

Cubby & File Box

A cubby is provided for each child. Please label all of your child's belongings. File folders are for your child's paperwork and some parent communication. Also note that your child may not have work in the folder every day. A great deal of Montessori materials does not require paperwork. Please take into consideration that each child is an individual and every child progresses at his/her own pace.

Clothing

Children should wear simple, sturdy, and washable play clothes that do not restrict participation in activities. Avoid complicated fastenings and suspenders or belts, as the children must be able to take care of their own bathroom needs without the assistance of another person. Children

should wear shoes with non-slip soles as they are safer on tile floors and climbing equipment. The children are taken outdoors to play and should be dressed according to the weather. All coats and jackets should be labeled with your child's name in permanent ink.

Change of Clothes

All children need an extra set of clothing left at school. Please label this set of clothing and put in a Ziploc bag with your child's name.

- 2 shirts
- 2 shorts/pants
- 2 pair of socks
- 2 underwear

Nap time

If your child is under 4 years old, please bring a crib sized sheet and a blanket for nap time. Please label all items and place them inside a reusable bag. Every Friday, the sheets and blankets will go home to be washed and returned to school the following Monday.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your child during the morning work time. Unless your child stays for afterschool childcare, please try to limit snacks brought from home as this may discourage your child from eating their lunch at lunchtime.

Lunch

Hot lunches may be purchased for an additional fee. You may bring a home lunch, instead of purchasing school lunch, but we do ask that you send nutritious lunch and refrain from sending high sugar content foods. Have your child help select and pack appropriate foods for their lunch. This often leads to them eating better and enjoying it more. We ask that children DO NOT bring peanuts, peanut butter or nut based items because we have children that have severe nut allergies.

Birthdays / Timeline

Your child's birthday is a special time. If you would like to recognize this event, please contact me a few days before so we can make arrangements. You are welcome to bring healthy snacks or a mini cupcake for the birthday celebration. Also, please provide a picture of each year of your child's life (your child's timeline) and put the pictures on a poster board with explanation. We celebrate your child's birthday by learning your child's history and conceptual experience of walking around the sun. Instead of goodie bags, consider donating a book or plant to the classroom.

Parent-Teacher Communication

Transparent Classroom is an online platform where you are able to view photos of your child and see weekly progress as your child is tagged. To make the most of your child's learning, I'll update Transparent Classroom once a week and prioritize hands-on teaching with your child. You will receive login information once school starts in August.

While we do have planned parent-teacher conferences twice yearly, please be assured that this is not the only time that you can talk to me. I believe that communication is the key to your child's success and to a great parent-teacher relationship. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress or curriculum, please make these concerns known to me. You may reach me by either leaving a note in my mailbox or by e-mail at msorozco@arborland.com. If it is an urgent concern during school hours, do not hesitate to call the office at (714) 871-3111.

Thank you for entrusting me with your child. I truly look forward to a joyful and meaningful year of learning together.

Warmly,

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