



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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“The child making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future.”

~ Maria Montessori

Dear Room A2 Families,

GREETINGS! On behalf of the Arborland family, I am incredibly excited to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! Thank you for entrusting your precious ones to us. My name is Ms. Norilen and I have been working as an Infant Montessori teacher for 15 years. I fell in love with the Montessori setting for infants and toddlers because I love to nurture the little ones with so much joy, kindness and respect.

I am originally from the Philippines, where I earned my Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, majoring in Mathematics and completed my two years of Administration/Supervision Graduate study. I spent 10 years teaching as a public elementary school teacher in the Philippines. However, in 2014, I moved to California to be with my husband. Both of my credentials were evaluated by WES New York and credited in the U.S.A. I earned my Montessori Teaching Certificate for ages 0-3 years old through the University of California, Irvine (UCI) at University Montessori of Irvine.

This is going to be a fun school year in Room A2! It's full of learning and exploration. We have so much to look forward to with our Circle Time, Arts and Crafts, Mother's Day celebration, Egg Hunt, holiday activities, and of course our Practical Life, Sensorial, and Language activities.

A baby has an unconscious, absorbent mind. Implementing Montessori for babies might seem complicated and overwhelming. However, infancy is actually the period when it is easiest to first bring Montessori into our teaching as well as parenting. We are here to help, support and guide our families and provide parenting suggestions to meet the needs of your precious ones everyday. We love to create a peaceful and supportive environment. In this space, a child's natural passion for wonder, curiosity, exploration, and independence comes alive.

We are asking for a few supplies to bring for your Infant (please make sure ALL items are clearly labeled):

- a. Diapering: Diapers, Wipes, Diaper ointment
- b. Eating: Sippy cup
- c. Playing: Shoes
- d. Napping: 3 mos -11 mos, Crib size sheet & small blanket (to be taken home everyday and washed). 12 mos -18 mos 1 crib size sheet and small blanket (to be taken home every Friday and washed)
- e. Just in case: Hat, sunblock, and at least 3 sets of clothes, weather appropriate.

It is our priority to have close parent communication because we are all partners in caring for your precious one. Daily Reports and communication will be sent through the Transparent Classroom online platform, which you will receive login information for once school starts in August. Daily Reports will include information on diaper changes, morning/afternoon snack, bottles, lunch, and naps. Please keep in mind that if you have any questions regarding your child's daily report/activity, you are unable to reply directly through Transparent Classroom. However, you may contact me by email or leave a message with the office.

For more information on approximate daily schedules and more, please take time to review our school handbook available here: [Parent Handbook for Infants](#).

We are looking forward to getting to know all our precious ones and families. We will keep you updated on any progress of your child's development and upcoming events. Together we can make a difference!

Best regards,

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