



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Hi Room E Parents!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are so thrilled to kick off another school year with our returning students and families, and to warmly welcome our incoming students and families. We are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey, and we are looking forward to building lasting relationships with all of you as we work together to help fulfill the goals you have for your children. We have quite an eventful year ahead and have lots of fun in store for the kids! The vision for our classroom this year is to see your children soar academically and socially, as they learn and discover their place as responsible, compassionate humans in our great wide world.

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 9 years, 3 of which have been spent at Arborland. During that time, Ms. Jordan fell in love with the Montessori philosophy and recently 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 33 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. Amber has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Channel Islands. She has previously worked with children with special needs. She grew up a Dodger's fan and has been collecting bobbleheads since 2016. She enjoys spending time with her daughter, going to new places, and meeting new people.

Each of us is thrilled for the school year ahead!

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

Daily Classroom Schedule:

8:30 am to 9:00 am

- Morning Meeting (attendance, calendar, classroom jobs, show and tell)
- Morning Work (Math Word Problems, Journal Writing, Sentence Structure, Phonograms, Oral Language)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Individual/Small Group Montessori Presentations (Language, SRA, Math, Geometry, Fractions)
- Reading groups
- Independent Work Period

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm - Recess

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Special Classes

- Art, Music, Chinese, Spanish, P.E., Science, Social Science, Technology/Digital Citizenship, Character Education, Peace Education

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm - Pack-up and Dismissal

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 (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

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

Supplies provided by Arborland:

- Homework folder
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition book

Homework

Children will be assigned daily homework assignments in order to practice the skills they have learned during class. At the beginning of the week, the children will receive a homework log detailing their assignments for each day that week. Children may work ahead on their assignments if necessary. Children are expected to turn in their completed homework each morning upon entering the classroom. We ask that you please check over your child's homework each night and initial their homework log to verify that it's complete. Please feel free to communicate questions regarding your child's homework directly on their log or homework and we will go over it with them the following day.

P.E.

For the past two years, we have had great success traveling to Pacific Drive Park (right down the street) for P.E.! 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

Though we first and foremost value the hands-on philosophy of Montessori Education, we understand the need for your children to become acquainted with technology early! We are thrilled to implement technology in our classroom as an 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. However, as we want to encourage the use of technology for education, non-academic websites and activities will not be allowed on campus.

Snack

We will take a 15 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, toy, souvenir, or pictures from a family event/outing. If a toy is brought for show and tell, it will be stored safely in the teacher's office until the end of the school day to ensure your child remains focused on learning. Pets are also welcomed for Show and Tell, however, we would deeply appreciate advanced notice!

Birthdays

We love celebrating with your children in Room E! Birthdays will be celebrated at the end of the work day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on your child's half-birthday. Birthday treats to share with the class are absolutely welcome! If necessary, please provide plates, napkins, utensils and cups.

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. Though every mistake by your child may not be highlighted, most errors are noted and children are offered repeat lessons when necessary.
- Please take the time to read through the school handbook located under Parents' Corner for more information on school policies.

Parent-Teacher Communication

Jupiter

As of the last school year, we have been using Jupiter Ed, a 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 that 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. That being said, parent-teacher communication is essential to your child's success! If you need to contact a teacher, Ms. Jordan will be available to speak face-to-face from 8:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm or at a scheduled time. For day to day communication, you are encouraged to send an email or leave a note in Ms. Jordan's 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. Ms. Jordan will provide her cell phone number at the start of the school year.

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
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Co-Montessori Teacher

Ms. Amber
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