



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Welcome to Arborland Montessori and Classroom 1

2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to a new year at Arborland Montessori. I'm sure all the children are eager to start the new school year. I would like to welcome the new parents and children and returning parents and children. I am Ms. Cole and I have been teaching the Montessori primary level, 3-6 years, for 39 years. I have been at Arborland for 22 years. Ms. Rokosz, my assistant, has been with me for 20 years and is an experienced and caring teacher.

A little note about myself: I have always dreamed of teaching young children. I feel the beginning years of a child's life are the most important in their social, emotional and academic development. I like to do crafts, crochet, make Rosary bracelets etc. To relax, I watch *I Love Lucy* reruns or listen to music.

Sick Days: Please keep your child home if they have a fever, runny nose or sore throat. We want to make sure everyone stays healthy.

School starts at 8:30 a.m. Please have your child here on time so there are no interruptions in the class routine. It is very important to have good communication between parent and teacher. You can contact me by email (mscole@arborland.com) or leave a note in my mailbox in the office. If you have any questions about your child's progress or any concerns, leave me a message and I will get back to you ASAP after school hours. I am also available from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-4:00 p.m at school.

Each child will have an assigned cubby for his/her lunch, papers from the office and any finished work your child has done. **Please check the cubby every day.** Your child may or may not have work to take home but be assured your child is always learning. I would like the kindergarten parents to be aware that we do not give homework. We also treat each child as an individual; we do not compare children's abilities but will help each child maximize his/her potential.

Our daily schedule:

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| 8:30-9:00 | Outdoor social time. |
| 9:00-10:50 | Montessori lessons in reading, language, math, science, geography, practical life, writing and sensorial. |
| 10:50-11:15 | Clean-up and circle time, group singing and story time. |
| 11:15-12:00 | Preparation for lunch and lunch. |

- 12:00-12:30 Outdoor playtime.
- 12:30-1:00 Children aged 4+ continue to play outside.
- 12:30-2:30 Quiet time for children 3 and under.
- 1:00-2:30 Montessori work time for older children.
- 2:30-3:00 Clean up & group time.
- 3:00-3:15 Dismissal.

Birthday celebration: 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 a healthy snack such as vanilla yogurt and fresh fruit for the birthday celebration. Also, please provide a picture of each year, (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.

Extra Clothes: Each child needs to bring a change of clothes, weather appropriate, in a plastic bag with your child's name on the bag. The younger children, ages 2 & 3 who rest, need to bring a crib sheet and blanket with your child's name on them. Every Friday, the bedding will go home to be washed. Please return bedding to school the following Monday.

Also, please do not send toys to school with your child.

Snacks: The school provides snacks, crackers and cheese, fruit, yogurt, carrots and ranch dressing and so forth. If you wish your child to bring a home lunch, please make sure they have healthy foods. Arborland has no candy, no gum, and no soda policy. Healthy food will help your child through the day better. Please let me know of any allergies your child may have.

Please be aware that our school is a nut free environment.

Thank you for your support on all these issues. Your child is very special to us. Ms. Rokosz and I look forward to meeting you and your child soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cole

Montessori Teacher

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