



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Dear Classroom G Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Whether your family is returning to Arborland or joining us for the first time, it is truly a privilege to partner with your family and guide your child through an exciting year of learning, growth, and discovery.

Each new school year brings fresh opportunities, new friendships, and meaningful challenges. Our goal is to create a classroom where every student feels safe, respected, encouraged, and inspired to do their very best. We strive to foster independence, curiosity, responsibility, and a genuine love of learning while helping students build confidence both academically and personally. We are committed to encouraging, guiding, and supporting every child while making their Montessori journey meaningful, memorable, and, of course, fun. We can't wait to see all that we'll accomplish together this year!

Teacher Introduction



My name is Ms. Madeline, and I am honored to be beginning my third year as the Upper Elementary teacher in Room G. Arborland has always been a special part of my life. I began here as a 3-year-old student and graduated from 6th grade before returning years later as a child care teacher, summer school teacher, Upper Elementary assistant, and now lead teacher. Those experiences inspired me to earn my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from California State University, Fullerton, and I feel incredibly grateful to teach at the school that helped shape who I am. When I'm not in the classroom, I

enjoy exercising, hiking, traveling, cooking, discovering new restaurants, and, of course, shopping!

Assistant Teacher Introduction



My name is Ms. Kathia, though the students know me as Ms. K. I'm excited to begin my second year as the Upper Elementary assistant teacher in Room G. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from Azusa Pacific University and my Master's in Teaching from Relay Graduate School. Previously I spent five years as a lead teacher in Colorado. Outside of school, I enjoy going to the movies, playing

board games, and spending time at the beach or swimming. I'm looking forward to helping create a positive, engaging, and supportive classroom where every student feels encouraged to learn and thrive!

Open Communication

Consistent, open communication between parents and teachers is essential for a strong educational experience. Please feel free to reach out at any time during the school year with any questions or concerns about your child's learning. You can email me at msmadeline@arborland.com. I'll do my best to reply in a timely manner. I typically reply within 24 hours, as I prioritize giving my full attention to the students during the day. If you need a quicker response, please call the main office so we can get in touch sooner. I look forward to working with you to make this school year a successful and rewarding one for your child!

NEW Student Laptop Program

We are excited to introduce our new Student Laptop Program! Beginning this school year, each student in our class will need access to a school-issued laptop through our new rental program. We appreciate families who have invested in personal laptops for the students in past years, but the wide variety of personal devices created challenges that impacted classroom instruction and student learning. This initiative is designed to provide every student with a reliable, consistent learning device while creating a safer and more productive digital learning environment.

There are many benefits for both students and families:

- *Safe and secure online access:* School laptops include internet filtering and security protections that help keep students safe while using the device for educational purposes.
- *Built-in firewalls and security:* Devices are managed by the school, reducing the risk of viruses, malware, and unauthorized software.
- *No daily charging required:* Students will charge and store their laptops at school, so families won't need to worry about remembering chargers or arriving with a dead battery.
- *Password support:* Students and staff have access to school-managed accounts, making it easier to reset passwords and avoid login issues.
- *Equal access for every student:* Every student uses the same device with the same educational software, ensuring a consistent learning experience in every classroom.
- *Quick technical support:* If a problem arises, school staff can troubleshoot, update, or repair devices more efficiently than with personal laptops.
- *Focused learning:* School-managed devices are configured specifically for learning, helping minimize distractions and ensuring students have the tools they need for success.

Our goal is to make technology more reliable, accessible and secure while supporting student learning every day. We believe this program will help students spend less time dealing with technical issues and more time engaging in meaningful learning. We look forward to partnering

with our families to make this program a success. We appreciate your partnership and support as we implement this new program. Additional information regarding the laptop rental agreement, \$100 per school year per device fee, care expectations, and procedures will be shared before the start of the school year as part of our Technology Agreement.

Homework

Our homework policy is designed to reinforce what students are learning in class, with assignments given out daily. We'll go over this policy in more detail during Parent's Night. Students are expected to record their homework each day in a designated planner or notebook. In addition, a daily reading time—typically around 30 minutes—is assigned. We encourage you to take an active interest by listening to your child read and ensuring their homework is completed.

Supply List

Please send your child on the first day of school with the listed supplies. If you are unsure about anything on the list, please feel free to reach out to clarify before purchasing. Kindly ensure your child has all the necessary supplies, while also ensuring that these items won't become a distraction.

- 5 Composition College-Ruled Notebooks - No spirals, please!
- 2 graph paper Composition Books
- 4 two-pocket folders (1 for each subject listed)
 - Homework (Red)
 - Classwork (Blue)
 - Spanish
 - Music
- Mixed Media Sketchbook (Art)
- 1-inch Binder with Clear Pocket on Front (aka View Binder)
- 8.5"x11" Weekly planner (Sturdy binding with enough space to write down class/homework log)
- Inch/Centimeter ruler
- Protractor
- Supply Case
- Pencils (need lead if mechanical)
- Two thick and two thin black Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Erasers (pencil toppers are helpful)
- Small/Medium scissors
- Glue sticks (2)
- Colored pens (for correcting work)
- Colored pencils

- Markers

Optional:

- Whiteout tape
- Construction paper (mixed colors)
- Lined paper (COLLEGE ruled)
- 3x5 Index Cards
- Package of unscented baby wipes (for safe desk cleaning)

Additional Classroom Info

Class will begin at 8:30am every day. Please ensure your child arrives on time to get the very best start to the day. When a child arrives late, it disrupts the latecomer as well as the lesson in progress, and he/she misses vital information and directions for the day.

Jupiter Ed is the 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.

Birthdays are celebrated with a creative activity in which all children participate. The birthday child may bring in a simple treat to share. Please remember that no candy, gum, nuts or soda is allowed at school. Please do not hesitate to check with me if you are unsure of what to bring.

Students will have a snack time in the morning, so please be sure to send a snack with your child. If your child eats breakfast early, it's especially important to pack a healthy snack to help keep their energy steady throughout the day. We kindly ask that you avoid sending chips, cookies, or other sugary treats, as we want to encourage nutritious choices.

If you feel the need to send your child with a cellphone or smartwatch to school, certain classroom rules apply. The phone must stay in their backpack. Both phone and smartwatch must be switched to off or airplane mode while at school. This is to ensure that calls or messages are not a distraction during school hours. If you or your child has a message for each other, our Front Office can help. If these rules are not followed, the phone and smartwatch will be turned into the Front Office for the parent or guardian to pick up. We request that you please discuss these with your child.

For more information, you are requested to look through the school handbook which is available in the "Parent's Corner" tab on our school website at www.arborland.com.

I am very excited to meet all my new students and welcome back my returning students in a few weeks. See you all soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Madeline

Upper Elementary Lead Teacher

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