



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Classroom A,

Welcome back! And to the new members of the Classroom A family, we happily embrace you to our community. Hope everyone has had a fun, safe and restful summer. We are very excited to begin this new school year. I have worked at Arborland for 34 years and have both Primary & Lower Elementary Montessori training.

Your child's education is very special and we are looking forward to a fun, exciting year and will continue to make our classroom a stimulating, motivating and exciting place to learn and grow. Our goal is for your child to come out of the Montessori experience with a natural curiosity, a love for knowledge and independence.

Parent/Teacher Communication

The Transparent Classroom program is a wonderful tool for you to see and track your child's progress in the class. I usually update it weekly and try to post as many pictures as possible. We also have planned conferences twice yearly, however, please be assured that this is not the only time that you can talk to me. Our communication is the key to your child's development and education. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress or curriculum, please make these concerns known to me regardless of how small or unimportant you may think the problem is. You may reach me by either leaving a note in my mailbox, or call the main office to leave a message. You may also reach me by email, mssalzman@arborland.com. *Please send me an email with your name and your child's name on the email as soon as possible so I can make sure you are on the classroom's email list.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your child during the morning work time. Unless your child stays for childcare, please try to limit snacks brought from home as this may discourage your child from eating their lunch. Snacks will be served by the teacher upon request at the assigned snack table.

Extra Clothes

Each child needs to bring at least one extra change of clothes, labeled and in a zip-lock bag. Also, a supply of extra masks if you want your child to wear a mask in the class at all times (please let me know). These will be kept in your child's cubby. Please do not send backpacks or

any unnecessary items to school, we do not have storage for them.

Sharing

Your child is allowed to share a special item once a week. It can be a special gift, a handmade project, a photo or anything of interest that is educational. I would prefer that toys be kept at home (no dolls or cars please). You & your child can choose the day of the week, but once again only once a week.

Naptime

The children under 4 year's old need to bring a crib sized sheet (they fit our cots perfectly), a blanket and a pillow if desired. Please place these items in a bag with handles and labeled with their name; these are stored inside the classroom. The nap bags will be sent home each Friday to be washed.

Birthday \ Timeline

Birthdays are a very special day for you and your child. I would like to use this opportunity to give the children an experience of the passage of time with a personal timeline showing your child's stages of growth. A Birthday Celebration Timeline is attached to this letter. Please fill it out and return to me before your child's birthdate. On your child's birthday, you may send in a special healthy snack to share (please provide plates, napkins, cups or necessary utensils). Your child may also commemorate the day by bringing a plant or book for the class. I would like to keep the focus on the birthday child so please consider donating an item to the class instead of passing out goodie bags. I do keep track of all birthdays; however I would appreciate a reminder and discussion in advance about the snack and the time of celebration.

The prepared Montessori environment will provide every opportunity for your child to develop his/her skills at a pace that is designed for optimum growth & advancement. There is a file box with labeled folders for all the children to file any paperwork they do. But please don't be alarmed if your child does not have paperwork since most Montessori materials do not require paperwork.

If you ever have any questions, please contact me.

Looking forward to an exciting year,

Sheri Salzman

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2024-2025 Supply List

Please label everything! I already have pencils holders for all the children so a pencil box is not necessary. ☺ If you have any problems finding these items, please contact me for help.



eraser



Box of 24 colored pencils with your child's name written **on each pencil.** A sharpie works best.



play-doh 4 pack



child size scissors



#2 pencils

Birthday Celebration Personal Time-Line Form

To make a personal time-line for your child on his/her birthday, we would appreciate it if you fill out this form and return it to me before your child's birthday. The information you provide us will assist in our birthday celebration on your child's birthday. Two to three lines about your child at each stage is enough. I would also like pictures of your child reflecting each age range so I can make a photo time-line of your child's growth. The photos will be returned.

Please tell us about any special development (first step/word/tooth (what was the first word), activities your child liked to do, special characteristics of that age, a special event according to that year (vacation, first time on an airplane, birth of sibling, starting school, etc).

Your Child's Name _____

Born at _____ on _____

at (Time) _____

Weight/length _____

0-1

1-2

2-3

3-4

4-5

5-6

6-7
