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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 into our community. Hope everyone has had a fun, safe and restful summer. We are very excited to begin this new school year. Exciting news! Shilaoshi is moving to Classroom C to be the Lead Montessori teacher and to start another Mandarin/English immersion class at our campus. I am also very excited to welcome Wanglaoshi as my new co-teacher to continue our Mandarin program in Classroom A. Wanglaoshi is a native Mandarin speaker and she also has her Primary Montessori teacher credential. Wanglaoshi and Shilaoshi will be working closely together to enhance the Mandarin program in both classes.

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. I have worked at Arborland for 32 years and have both Primary and Lower Elementary Montessori teaching credentials.

As the world still continues to cope with the ongoing pandemic, we appreciate your trust in our commitment to navigate through these times and in the partnership with you. The Coronavirus probably is not going away, but we all have learned how to cope with it much better with all of our safety procedures. Therefore, for the fall, we are continuing to keep the following safety procedures until the CDC changes its guidelines. There are no masks mandates for indoors & outdoors at this time; therefore, it's a personal choice. If you would like your child to wear a mask at school, please let me know and I will enforce it (also, please provide an extra supply of masks just in case). You may walk your child to the classroom door. At this time, parents are not allowed to enter the classroom. The same is for pickup time. Thank you!

Hand washing will be required upon entering the classroom, before eating, after restroom uses and any touching of the face. All the children will need their own individual supplies (please see attached list below). Materials used by the children will be cleaned and disinfected by the teachers frequently. Teachers and staff will also be disinfecting heavy use areas, such as door handles, sinks, tables, chairs and toilets, multiple times a day.

We will continue to practice physical distancing, but we also understand the importance of socialization at this age. Every effort will be made to make your child feel safe, loved and comfortable in the classroom environment.

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Below is a sample daily schedule of what your children will be doing in the classroom:

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Montessori work session (Practical life, sensorial, language / Mandarin, math, culture, music and art)
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Mandarin learning group time
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Outdoor playtime
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Younger children nap time (under age four)
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Group discussion and story time
1:30 - 2:40 p.m.	Montessori work session (Sensorial, language / Mandarin, math, culture, music)
2:40 - 3:00 p.m.	Mandarin learning group time
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Communication

The Transparent Classroom program that we started using last year 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, calling the main office to leave a message, or texting me at (562) 201-3972. 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 that I can put the correct email address in my list of contacts.

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.

Birthdays \ 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).

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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. Do not be alarmed if there is no paperwork going home. Many activities do not have paperwork. If you ever have any questions, please contact me.

Looking forward to an exciting year,

Ms. Sheri Salzman & Wanglaoshi
Montessori Teachers

2022 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.



glue sticks



24 box of colored pencils



eraser



child size scissors



play-doh 4 pack



12 #2 pencils

Birthday Celebration Personal Time-Line Form

To make a personal time-line for your child on his/her birthday, we would appreciate that you fill

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out this form and return it to me before you 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 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 _____

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