

The Absorbent Mind News



Middletown Montessori School

September

*“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child itself”
(Maria Montessori)*

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer. A special welcome to our new students and new families who have joined our classrooms.

Drop off / Pick Up:

DRIVE THRU - Please drive up to the portico no earlier than 8:50 a.m. **TEACHERS WILL BE WAITING TO TAKE YOUR CHILD FROM YOUR CAR AND ESCORT HIM/HER TO HIS/HER RESPECTIVE CLASSROOM.** Do not park or exit your car. Teachers will leave the door promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you are late, you must park and escort your child to the classroom. Please be patient - drop off moves quicker after the first few weeks of school!! Please do not use arrival/dismissal time to ask questions concerning your child. If you have a concern, please inform the teacher and she will be glad to make an appointment at a later time. If you need to drop off at an earlier time, accommodations can be made at an additional cost. Please call and speak to the staff. Under no circumstances may children be dropped off early without prior arrangements.



School begins at 9:00 a.m. for all students. Please be prompt in arriving. Lateness causes discomfort for the tardy child and disrupts other students who have already settled into the classroom routine.

Please note there is no parking next to the playground. The school buses do not have enough room to turn around.

Dismissal

School dismisses at 11:30 a.m. (for ½ day students), 1:00 p.m. for (½ day students with lunch) and 2:45 p.m. (for our full day students).

Pickup for Students:

- 11:30 a.m. dismissal - parents must come into building
- 1:00 p.m. dismissal - parents will pick up children on the playground (weather permitting)
- 2:45 p.m. dismissal - parents must come into the building

Lunch Program



Our lunch program is available Monday through Friday for any half-day students who wish to stay. Our lunch program begins on Monday, September 14th. Lunch begins promptly at 11:30. The cost is \$8.00 per day. Dismissal is 1:00 PM. If you have not made permanent lunch arrangements, we ask that you please tell the teacher the day your child will stay for lunch. Payment should be made that day. All lunch boxes should be labeled with your child's name. Each child needs two napkins.

Hot Lunch

Our hot lunch program begins on October 5th.

The funds generated from the hot lunch & pretzel program are placed in a separate fundraiser account. Hot lunch payment must be separate from all other school payments. **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM!!** This program is run by our Parent-to-Parent representative, Monica Lenart. If you have any questions for Monica, you can email her at monica_lenart@yahoo.com

Classroom Equipment: Some areas of our classrooms feature small objects and animals. If your child comes home with an object you do not recognize please bring it to school.

Specials:

Music started for the children on Monday September 14th. Mrs. Aga led us in song with her guitar and piano.

Spanish, for Kindergartners, will begin on Friday, September 18th in the afternoon with Mrs. Traci.

Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.. This is an important time for you to get information about the policies and procedures of your child's classroom. We ask that you leave the little ones home so we can focus on the classroom structure and expectations.

Parent Visitation Day will occur on the day that we celebrate your child's birthday or half birthday. You are welcome to spend the morning with your child on this special day. This will also be an extra special day for your child. Please drop a note to your child's teacher to confirm which day you would like to celebrate the birthday and spend the morning in class.

Communication: There is a bulletin board outside the main office hallway. Please check this from time to time for updated news.

TECHNOLOGY AT MMS: The monthly calendar will be posted on the web. Our monthly Newsletter will be emailed to you monthly. Please refer to the newsletter for important monthly information.

When the winter weather arrives, we anticipate sending emergency closings and delayed openings to you by email, it is also posted on WPVI/6ABC as well.

Classroom Reminders:

Healthy Snacks: We provide healthy snacks for the children on a daily basis. Parents and children often like to participate in sending snacks to the classroom. If you would like to bring in a snack on a particular day communicate this to your teacher. This year our classrooms have children with allergies to certain foods, so, please check with your child's teacher for both the number of students and any allergies which might affect your choice of snack. **WE ARE A PEANUT/EGG FREE SCHOOL!**

Safety



Issue:

Please do not forget to bring in your child's bike helmets. They will not be able to ride any outside bikes without wearing one. Due to the climbing and riding activities available to the children on our playground, please have your child wear appropriate footwear to school. This means no open back shoes (flip-flops or clogs) or flimsy or shiny bottomed shoes will be allowed on the playground. Thank you for helping make play time a safer, more enjoyable time for the children.