



Welcome to the Shark Room!

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in reaching his or her full potential this school year. We will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead. Our main goal with each child is to develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

August is such an exciting month for the children and teachers alike. It is a month of changes, new beginnings, new surroundings, new friends, and new experiences. Our main goal is to develop in your child a sense of confidence, independence, and a love of learning. Over the course of his/her three-year cycle, your child will develop many skills and explore a world of learning.

Please take time to discuss the school day with your child. Your constant interest will play a special part in your child's success. Many of you have asked how your child's progress is evaluated and recorded. This may seem especially complex given that Montessori classrooms have multiage groups with each child working at his/her own interest and pace.

The Montessori classroom is a very orderly and rich environment with materials and activities arranged in sequential order in each of the areas. The teacher has a list of the materials in each of the areas for every child. She notes when the child has had a lesson on a particular material and how he/she is progressing with the material. This checklist is part of the child's portfolio. Besides the checklist, the portfolio contains samples of the child's work.

The portfolio is a very important and useful tool for parent/teacher conferences that take place in January and May. It's amazing to see the progress a child has made right before your eyes! Before each conference, you will have an opportunity to come in, observe your child's classroom, and write down any questions or comments on the observation sheet.

We believe that communication is the key to a great parent-teacher relationship and we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time. The best way to reach us is through our email shark_room@montessoriworldschool.com. We would love your participation in our classroom! Let us know if you would like to read a story to the class, help with a class project or share a special interest. We look forward to working together to make this a wonderful year for your child.

Mrs. Jane Shaw

First day of school

Below you will find a list of things you will need to send to school with your child on Monday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Extra clothes: Please send in a full change of clothes, including socks and underwear in a Ziploc bag, **labeled with your child's name.**

Photography: This applies to new children only. Please send in 2 recent photographs of your child to be attached to his/her name tag and work folder.

Nap Items: A Rollie Pollie can be purchased from the front desk for nap.
Resting children will need a towel to lie on for relaxation time in the classroom after lunch.

Please remember to put your child's name on all personal items.

Shark Room Daily Classroom Schedule

7:30 am to 8:40am	Early Arrivals for all day children only.
8:40am to 9:00am	Car pool arrivals for morning/extended day children.
9:00am to 9:15am	Circle time.
9:15am to 9:45am	Recess.
9:45am to 11:45am	Morning work cycle.
11:45pm to 12:30pm	1 st group eats lunch (nappers).
12:30pm to 2:30pm	Nap time for 3 and 4 year olds.
12:30pm to 1:15pm	2 nd group children eat lunch.
1.15pm to 3.00pm	Afternoon work cycle.
3.00 pm to 3.30pm	Circle time.
3.15pm to 3.30pm	Extended day dismissals.
3:30pm to 4:30pm	Recess for all day children.
4:30pm to 5:30pm	Aftercare work cycle/ story time.
5:30pm to 6:00pm	Dismissal in whale room.
Shark Room Themes 2015/2016	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace and Courtesy
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharks
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Farm *
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The U.S.A.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays around the World
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaurs
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Human Body
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Pets
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds

Fieldtrip tentatively scheduled: October – Green Meadows Farm