

The Tiger Room



August 24, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Tiger 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.

During the next few weeks, your child will learn to:

- * Follow the classroom ground rules
- * Use an inside (soft) voice
- * Walk in the classroom with quiet feet
- * Respect the rights of others
- * Take turns

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 as well as photos of the child working with specific materials such as building the *Pink Tower*, scrubbing a table, laying out the decimal system or word building with the *Movable Alphabet*. Each child's portfolio may also contain written observations made by staff members such as the child's teacher, assistants and director.

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. You may leave the sheet with the teacher or bring it with you for the conference. This will help keep the conference focused on your questions and concerns.

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 tiger_room@montessoriworldschool.com. We will also keep you updated on class activities and individual concerns and contact you by phone or email.

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.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Edna Bickett

Tiger Room Schedule 2015 - 2016

Arrivals	8:40 – 8 :59 a.m.
Outside /Playtime	8:40 – 09:15 a.m.
Work Cycle - Quiet Activities / Snack	9:15 – 11:00 a.m.
Circle Time / Music / Movement	11:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Outside/Playtime	11:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Morning Dismissal / Morning children go home.	11:45 -12:00 a.m.
Lunch for Extended Day / Rest /Naptime	12:00 – 12:45 p.m.
Group work with Kindergarteners	12:45 – 01:15 p.m.
Work Cycle / Quiet Activities	01:15 – 03:00 p.m.
Dismissals	03:15 – 03:30 p.m.

Themes 2015 – 2016

August	Grace and Courtesy
September	Planets
October	Gardening
November	Plants
December	Holidays around the World.
January	Crystals
February	Rocks & Minerals
March	Leonardo Da Vinci
April	Europe
May	Magnets

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GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Sound of the Week

What is “Sound of the Week?” Beginning on Thursday, September 10, 2015, the children will be allowed to bring in an object that has the initial sound of the letter “Aa.” Each week on Thursdays, continuing in alphabetical order, we will have “sound of the week.”

Snack Basket

Please provide a nutritious snack for 30 children when it is your turn on the Snack Calendar. Please refer to the attached list of Suggested Snacks for ideas.

Change of Clothes

Please send in a change of clothes for your child so that we will have them if needed. Also, please make sure your child’s school clothes fit loosely yet securely, the clothes should be easy for your child to put on, pull up, and take off without help. Clothes that have snaps, buckles, buttons or other closures that your **child cannot manage without help are not appropriate for school**. Elastic waists in pants and slip-on shirts are the best choices. In addition, please leave all accessories jewelry, watches, belts, purses, etc. at home.

Classroom Plants

In my years of teaching, I have found that if a child brings a small plant in to his/her classroom to care for it makes the transition to the classroom much easier. It will also give your child a focus during drop-off. The children water and tend to their plants on a regular basis and our classroom is brighter and more beautiful with their additions.

Lunch Reminder

Extended - Day students only.

Healthy lunches please! For dessert, please send fresh fruits. Do not send chocolate, candy, gummy bears or other sugar laden treats; these will be sent home. Let’s keep it green. Use re-usable containers.