



Children's House of Durango, LLC
Montessori Education
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Summer Camp! We are looking forward to a great summer filled with fun activities, a wonderful group of children, and an enthusiastic staff. Here are some things you need to know:

Information Papers: If you are a NEW PARENT to Children's House, you should have received a notice on how to obtain the "New Student Paperwork" and a copy of the Parent Handbook online. All paperwork must be filled out and left at school on or before your first day.

If you are a CONTINUING PARENT, please fill out and turn in the packet for returning students. It is extremely important for us to have current emergency phone numbers, pick up people, and new address and/or phone numbers. Thank you.

Swimming: We will **not be swimming the first two weeks** of summer camp. On the third week students will need to bring in the following items to be kept in their bin at school: a swimsuit, towel and a sunhat (optional). **All of these items should be clearly labeled with your child's name.** We will only be swimming once or twice a week. The teachers will hang up the swimsuits to line dry during the week and we ask that parents take them home at the end of the week to wash and bring back. Please read our sunscreen policies carefully and apply sunscreen to your child each day if that is your preferred sun protection method. We will only be applying sunscreen from the neck down on swimming days.

Clothing: Children should wear cool, durable play clothes and **sturdy shoes for running** and playing. In order to avoid accidents on the playground we **do not allow flip-flops** or shoes without straps (Crocs, Chacos, or other sandals with heel straps are fine).

Snacks: Please sign up on the parent bulletin board to bring a nutritious, sugar-free snack once a month. This is a communal snack for morning class that is set out at 9:00 a.m. The following items are recommended for snack: yogurt (a large pint size is preferred), crackers, cheese, fresh fruit, applesauce, breads, muffins, Sun Butter, etc. You will need to provide enough for 20 small servings. If your child stays for the after-care program (past 3:00) we ask that you please sign-up on the afternoon sign-up sheet to bring snack once a month.

Signing In & Out: You will need to sign your child **IN** and **OUT** each day with the "Sandbox" software. It is a State regulation and we need to know who's here at all times.

Billing: Tuition is due at the beginning of each month. Checks can be deposited in the "Tuition" box located in the hallway. Extended childcare hours will be accrued and billed on the next month's tuition.

Lunch: Your child will be expected to **bring a nutritious, low-sugar sack lunch to camp each day.** Please place your child's **clearly labeled lunch sack/box** in the designated box in the kitchen or in the refrigerator if needed. After lunch the children will return their lunch sacks/boxes to their bins to be taken home. Children will be having picnic style lunches on the front lawn, or occasionally at the park, each day at 11:30 a.m. We invite you to sign up on the parent bulletin board once a month to come and enjoy lunch with your child. Only one parent/couple per day please.

Children's House Staff:

- Stacy Zimmerman Ferrell has been with Children's House off and on since 2004 and is entering her ninth year as the Children's House Director. Stacy earned her B.A. in Psychology from FLC, her M.A. in Child Development, and has completed her A.M.S Montessori Certification through the New Mexico Center for Montessori Education. In addition to her time in the office, Stacy will be teaching in the Blue Room this month.

Stacy will be available before class and in the afternoons if you have any questions or concerns. Additionally, please feel free to leave any notes for her in the posted slot in the hallway and she will return your call later in the day.

- Katy Howell has her B.A. in Environmental Education from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. She will be teaching in the Blue Room throughout the summer.
- Brie Banowetz will be a teaching in the Green Room and will be here in the afternoons. She just finished her Art Education degree at Fort Lewis College and worked here throughout the school year.
- Becca Rodman will be in the Green Room Tuesday-Thursday this month. She has been a part of our staff here at Children's House since September, 2006. Becca has an Art degree from Fort Lewis College and is excited to explore the creative process with the students this summer.
- Nancy Millett will be teaching in the Rainbow Room this June. She has been with Children's House since 2013 and has her Montessori Certification.
- Heaven Williamson will be a teacher in the Blue Room this summer. Heaven just finished her first year teaching with us in the Blue Room and has been working with young children for 4 years.
- Shalley Parmenter and Tom Joyner are parents of three alumni children. They are the owners of Children's House and will be handling repairs and maintenance of the school. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Please note that we will be spending a lot of time outdoors and taking advantage of all of the exciting activities nearby (i.e., library, discovery museum, etc.). Any time we leave the building we will leave a sign on the front door informing parents where we are. If you arrive at the school to pick up your child while we are out on one of these excursions please sign your child out and come meet us. Aside from Fassbinder Park, we will always plan to be back at school at least 10 minutes before the designated pick-up times.

It is going to be a terrific summer and we are glad you are here. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. FYI, the monthly newsletters will be sent via email. However, there will also be several paper copies available on the parent bulletin board if you prefer to pick up a paper copy.

Happy summer!

The Staff of Children's House