

OAK PARK MONTESSORI

SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Nut Free School – please do not send snacks or foods containing nuts.

School Birthday Policy- We will celebrate your child's birthday with a traditional Montessori birthday "walk around the sun".

Please, no cupcakes or candy, only individually wrapped fruit bars (store bought and packaged), yogurt, etc. are a few examples of what is allowed. No toys or gift bags.

Sick Policy - Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever, runny nose or /and cough. If a child has a fever, he/she must be 24 hours fever free (without use of fever reducing medication) to return to school.

Please do not send your child to school if they have green or yellow mucus, or any inflammation or redness in or around the eyes. Possible symptoms for pink eye.

If your child has any symptoms, we may call and ask you to pick up your child.
The health and safety of our students, families and staff are our priority.
Thank You for your continued support.

IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, but especially for children and teens. After going without food for 8 to 10 hours during sleep, breakfast gives our bodies the fuel it needs for the day. Eating breakfast helps jump start metabolism for the day. Kids who don't eat breakfast will tend to feel an energy drain by mid-morning. In general, kids who skip breakfast will feel tired, restless, and irritable. Eating a healthful breakfast has been shown to help attention span, concentration, and memory—all important for learning. Eating a good breakfast also helps kids:

- be more active.
- be more creative.
- have better hand-eye coordination.
- have better problem-solving skills.
- meet daily nutritional requirements.
- miss fewer days of school.

Please remember to have your child eat their breakfast BEFORE coming to school. Sometimes if you're running late, a fast breakfast in the car on the way to school works too.



THE PARENTS' CORNER

The Importance of the Early years

In the absorbent mind, Dr. Maria Montessori wrote “the most important period of life is not the age of University studies, but the first ones, the period from birth to the age of six”. That is the time when a person’s intelligence itself, the greatest implement, is being formed. Not only his/her intelligence, but the full totality of his/her psychic powers. At no other age has the child greater need of intelligent help and any obstacle that impedes their creative work will lessen the chance they have of achieving their potential.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

The first four years of a child’s life are the most important period of development physically, emotionally, cognitively, socially and morally. This is a guide to what you might expect in their first four years – often called developmental 'milestones'.

NOTE

EVERY CHILD DEVELOPS DIFFERENTLY

3 Months

- Turns head toward direction of sound
- Recognizes familiar faces and smiles back
- Follows moving objects
- Watches faces with interest
- Raises head and chest while lying on stomach
- Brings hand to mouth
- Takes swipes at dangling object with hands
- Begins to babble and imitate some sounds

6 Months

- Responds to other people's emotions
- Enjoys social plays/games (especially peek-a-boo)
- Struggles for out of reach objects
Uses voice to express pleasure and displeasure
- Interested in mirror images
- Responds to their own name
- Babbles chain of sounds
Rolls both ways (front to back, back to front)
- Sits with, and then without support on hands

1 Year

- Pulls up to stand, Walks holding onto furniture
- Tries to imitate during play (like winking when you wink or clapping when you clap)
- Explores objects; finds hidden objects and begins to use objects correctly (drinking from cup, brushing hair, dialing phone, listening to receiver)
- Uses simple gestures like shaking head to say 'NO' or waving to say 'BYE BYE'
- May speak single words like "Mama" and "Dada"
- Cries when Mother or Father leaves
- Babbles with inflection (changes in tone)
- Uses exclamations, such as "oh - oh!"
- Pokes index finger

2 Years

- Excited about the company of other children
- Begins to sort by shapes and colors; starts simple make-believe play
- Follows simple instructions; recognizes names of familiar people
- Walks without help; plays pretend (like talking on a toy phone)
- Points out at the objects, when you name it (like toy or photo)
- Imitates behavior of others, especially adults and older children
- Uses 2-4 word sentences
- Repeats word overheard in conversation
- Pulls toys behind him/her while walking

3 Years

- Imitates adults and playmates
- Shows affection for playmates/friends
- Sorts objects by shape and colors; and matches objects to pictures
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people (like feeding a doll)
- Uses pronouns (I, you, me) and sometimes plurals too (cars, dogs)
- Uses simple phrases or micro sentences to communicate with others
- Understands concept of 'mine' and 'his/hers'
- Expresses wide range of emotions
- Walks up and down stairs, alternating feet (one foot per stair step)
- Runs easily and pedals tricycle
- Starts to make friends

4 Years

- Follows three-step commands (like wash your hands, comb your hair)
- Draws circles and squares
- Speaks in sentences of 5-6 words; Speaks clear enough for outsiders to understand
- Names some colors; understands counting
- Shares and take turns with other children
- Knows the difference between boys and girls
- Enjoys humor (like laugh at silly faces or voices)
- Brushes his/her teeth by self
- Dresses and undresses without help except for shoelaces
- Pretends by role playing
- Knows opposite (hot/cold, big/small)

LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Parents, please make sure that your child's name is on all their belongings – such as lunch bags, if they are bringing lunch to school, water bottles, jackets, and sweaters. Write their name on the bottom of their shoes as well.

(Children sometimes have the same pair of shoes)

We ask that you label these items so that if it is lost or misplaced, we can return it to your child in a timely manner. It will be helpful to our staff and you if your child's name is on their personal items, as sometimes other children have the very same item as your child does.

Immunization Updates:

If your child has had his or her immunization updated, please notify our school administration so we are able to keep student files current. If you are unsure of any immunization requirements, please email or call our office for any questions. We cannot accept a child into Oak Park Montessori who is not immunized. Any new information: address change, phone numbers, etc. Please notify the school via email

Authorized Pick Up List

Please email our office at:

montessorioakpark@gmail.com when adding persons authorized to pick up your child and on the day certain persons will be picking up.

We require the full name of the person and a photo ID.

We will NOT release your child to people not on your list or if we do not receive an email letting us know.

CLOTHING REMINDER

As we are all aware, the children at school participate in a variety of activities every day, it is important that the children come to school dressed comfortably and in play clothes.

Please provide extra clothes so that we can keep them at school in case there is a potty accident.

The children are required to wear closed toe shoes to school. Please dress your child appropriately according to the weather. As the weather can be unpredictable, pack an extra jacket or put layers on the children.

Please keep 2 sets of extra clothes, pull – ups, diapers, and wipes at school. If your child happens to borrow any school clothing items, please wash, and return to the school the following day.

LATE PICK UP

Our school closes promptly at 6 p.m.

Please pick your child up by closing time as our staff have personal obligations to attend to after work. There is a late pick up fee that is due on the spot to the teacher on staff for parents picking up children after closing time.

There is a 10-minute grace period. If your child is picked up after the grace period, a \$1.00 per minute fee will be charged.

There are no exceptions. We thank you for doing your best to arrive on time. If you have any questions, please see the Director.

We know emergencies arise and we are not always able to predict traffic situations. When teachers are in the classroom for after care, we are not always able to check our emails in a timely manner. If you are notifying us of a late pick up, please call our school number at 818-532-7006

Oak Park Montessori!!

We take great pride in our school and great respect in the care of your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us on:

montessorioakpark@gmail.com

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

We are sure that you are already aware of the importance of having your child arrive at school on time, but there are times when arriving late cannot be avoided. If your child will be late, please call our school – 818-532-7006 or send an email to : montessorioakpark@gmail.com and let us know when to expect your child to arrive. This will help the teachers to determine the snack and lunch count for the day.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Tuition Payments

Monthly tuition is due on the FIRST of each month and no later than the 5th of the month.

If tuition is received AFTER the grace period, it is considered late, at which time a late fee of \$25 will apply.

Sign In and Out

Please sign your child IN / OUT daily. By law, we are required to have all our parents sign their child in upon arrival and out when picking up at end of their day.

Potty Trained

Your child is considered FULLY potty trained if they do not have any accidents for one month straight.

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As we continue to work together, we ask for your patience and understanding if any maintenance work is required during school hours. The safety of our students is always a priority. We will communicate and notify you if there will be a need to close the school earlier than usual (and will provide detailed information)

THANK YOU!

Allergies

Please have an EpiPen and provide the school with one if your child has allergies.

Label the EpiPen to keep at school in case of emergencies.

REUSE REDUCE RECYCLE

Our recycle drive is back!! Parents, please bring your glass, plastic and aluminum bottles and cans and help the school. Drop off to one of the teachers on a daily or weekly basis.

We appreciate all your help.





Thursday, May 11th

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday, May 26th

SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday, June 14th

Graduation Ceremony and Lunch

Thursday, June 15th

Father's Day Breakfast



Within the child lies the fate of the future. -Dr. Maria Montessori

The two phrases for the months are:

May: I am

June: Gratitude

MONTHLY THEMES

May: National Mental Health Awareness Month/National Be Kind to Animals Month

June: Pride Month/ National Pollinator's Month/National Men's Health awareness Month



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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