



THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and having a wonderful summer. We are thrilled that we are experiencing pleasant summer weather so that we can have lots of fun, adventure and learning.

July Summer Camp. Our school started the summer camp program on July 2 and it is going very well. Children are continuing with their Montessori work cycle and also enjoying great outdoor activities. For July, we are focusing on learning about famous artists and composers. Children are listening to stories about Mozart, Beethoven and other famous figures of the Classical music era. They are listening to the music of these figures and engaging in movement in order to incorporate music and movement.

During this month's theme we will also discuss famous artists like Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh. Children are also exploring nature in the backyard and engaged in creating their own games with unstructured play items provided to them.

Outdoor Play Time Reminders. Please do not forget to apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at camp each day. The amount of time spent outdoors will be adjusted according to the ongoing weather conditions. The children in Casa 1 and Casa 2 will have their outdoor time in the morning from 8:30 to 9:30 during the heat alert days, and the signage at the door will indicate when children are playing outside during back yard play time. Please drop your child at the back if you see the sign at the door. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles labelled with their names so that they stay well hydrated during camp.

Summer months offer so many experiences for young children to play while learning through paint, mud, grass and other natural elements around them. Please dress your child in clothes accordingly so that it allows your child to play freely and comfortably.

Wellness Reminders. Children with any symptoms of ill health will not be accepted in the classrooms. Please keep your child at home if they have any symptoms that indicate they may be unwell, including runny nose, cold, cough or fever. If these symptoms arise during their time at school, your child will be isolated and you will be contacted to pick your child. We would like to keep our classrooms healthy by keeping a strict protocol for any symptoms of ill health. A runny nose in particular is a leading cause of infections and unsanitary conditions in the school settings. We want to minimize the spread of infections by ensuring that parents keep their children home if children have a runny nose and that parents pick their child up promptly from school when the school contacts parents in these circumstances. Thank you for continued cooperation.

Late Arrivals. We have observed that some children are arriving very late to school. The school has a policy that children arriving late will not be accepted in classrooms. We have already reduced the hours of operation for our classes because of staff resources and we would like to



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start camp at the same time for everyone. Please respect the school timings and drop your child on time (from 8:30 am to no later than 9:00 am). The pick up for full day is at 3:30 pm.

For information on our Summer month's calendars and school food menu please visit our website: www.discoverymontessori.ca

Community Update. We are concerned with the dust deposit across our school by Mattamy Homes. The letter was sent to the local city councillor, Sue McFadden, to look into this issue as some days the dust is around our school and children cannot get out to play. I have received a reply from the councillors office that this issue was brought to the Mattamy home company and they will limit the flow of dust by spraying water and other preventative techniques to reduce the impact of the dust coming towards our school. We will continue to monitor this situation. Thank you to those parents who took the time and sent their concerns to the home builder and the city councillor.

We value your feedback! If you have any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email or speak to one of our staff members. Thank you for being part of the camp and our school community.

Please note the school is closed for the Civic holiday on Monday, August 5. 2024.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Best regards.

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