



# THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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September 08, 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great summer and took time to relax with your families. Our school year has started with great excitement. The classrooms are busy and children are slowly but surely settling down to their new school routine. Like any change, children are adjusting to their back to school schedules with mixed emotions and all this will translate into new experiences. This will create opportunities for growth and learning. It is such a great feeling for us to see the classes slowly coming back to their normal smooth rhythm.

**Orientation Overview.** The first few weeks involve orientation activities where new children become familiar with the Montessori classroom environment, materials and routines. Our returning children may also pick up new materials from the shelves and some will go back to the activities that they have already mastered as a refresh. Our classrooms allow the freedom to choose from diverse types of activities; this encourages responsibility for children's own learning and they have the opportunity to work with variety of specialized Montessori materials, which promotes hands-on experience.

Our classrooms have mixed age groups so that children can interact with other children of different ages, thereby fostering a sense of community and mentorship within each classroom. As part of this process, teachers observe children's interests and progress in order to prepare a learning environment according to each child's readiness, learning pace and needs.

The Discovery Montessori promotes respect for everyone as peaceful and harmonious classrooms are important for the learning and growing needs of our children. This environment also helps children resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully.

Through all of these elements and more, our holistic education aims to nurture not only academic skills but also emotional, social and creative development.

**Key Themes.** In terms of important themes, Nature is a critical part of the Montessori curriculum. There are many lessons in our classrooms that are connected to nature and children expand their classroom learning to the outside world with all the learning opportunities at our school. Practical Life is also an important component of our curriculum and focused on critical skills relating to: self-help, taking care of our environment, caring for plants, setting up the tables for snack time and lunch, and tidying up after work. These themes and associated learning activities helps instill a strong sense of independence in children.

**Reading time.** Parents are requested to read every day at home with children to foster a love of reading.

**School Timings.** The school program timings are as follows;

**8:00 am to 8:45 am:** Before School hours. Parents who have signed for Before School Program can drop off their children during this time.

**8:45 am:** Start of school hours.

**8:45 to 11:45:** Morning Half Day without lunch

**8:45 to 12:30 pm:** Morning Half Day with lunch

**12:30 to 3:30 pm:** Afternoon Half Day

**8:45 to 3:30 pm** Full Day



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**3:30 to 5:00 pm** After School Hours. (This program is only for children whose parents have signed up for the after-school program).

**Please pick up your children no later than 4:55 pm as the school closes promptly at 5:00 pm.**

**The after school program( 3:30 pm – 4:55pm) is currently at full capacity and there is no more space for any new entry in the after school care.**

**Please note the cut off for morning drop off is 9:00 am sharp.** This is to ensure that our classrooms are not disrupted by late arrivals. Any children arriving later than 9:00 am will not be accepted unless there is an emergency and the parents have informed the school via phone or email.

**Late Pickup Fees.** A late fee of \$25 for every 15 minutes (or part thereof) will be charged for children picked up past the scheduled pickup time. While we understand that schedules are busy, when you pick up your child late the staff has to change their schedules for classes and may also miss their time for lunch, in addition to other impacts on class schedules. Please make sure you pick up your child on time. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Outside play time and afterschool pick up arrangement:**

**Casa 1 and 2** mornings outside play time is from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and for the afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Children who are enrolled till 3:30 pm will be dismissed at 3:30 pm from the outside play area. If outside play is not possible because of severe weather, you can pick your child from the main building door.

Children who are enrolled in the after care in **Casa 1 and 2** will also be picked up from the main building door in case of rain or severe cold weather.

**Casa 4 and 5** outside play time in the morning is between the hours of 8:30 to 9:30 and for afternoon it is from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If the weather does not allow outside play during the after-school hours, parents can pick up their child from **Casa 4**.

**School Parking Reminders.** Please Park your car responsibly in the parking spots. Please note that you are not allowed to park your vehicles in the driveway. If the parking lot is busy, please wait to park. We also request that parents leave immediately after picking up their children so that others waiting can safely enter and park their vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parent's Information Night.** It is on Tuesday, September 30th from 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm. This will be an interactive meet and greet session for parents and teachers so please bring your questions and come learn about our Montessori pedagogy. Please note **that children are not allowed for this session.** Please click on [this link](#) to confirm whether you will be able to attend the information session or not.

## **School Photo Session.**

The school will have a photo session that includes individual portraits and class photos of the children on October 01<sup>h</sup> and 02, 2025.

Casa 1 & 2 children will have their photoshoot on October 01, 2025

Casa 4 & 5 children will have their photoshoot on October 02, 2025



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## **School Instagram Page.**

Discovery Montessori has a private Instagram page for the families to watch different activities happening in the classrooms as well as children's photos in special moments. It is a restricted and private page for the school families only. Please send a request to Discovery Montessori school' Instagram account and also email your account name to confirm and to allow you to watch the school photos and videos.

Parents who have opted not to have their child's photo or video shared, we respect their preference for that.

## **Soccer Shots Program:**

Soccer shots is an after-school soccer program, **which is only for children** staying between 3:30 pm to 4:55 pm. Please click [on this link](#) to enroll your child in the Soccer shots program.

As we kick off another school year, I would like all of you to continue to embrace the Montessori philosophy of self-directed learning, curiosity and exploration with your children at home as a complement to their experiences at school. Let's enjoy this Montessori journey with your children.

I wish everyone a very pleasant start of the school year and, as always, our staff is available to discuss any questions, you can reach us via email.

Happy September!

Warm Regards,

*Fauzia Ali*