

## Welcome to the Montessori Ivy League Academy

We are very happy to have you as part of the Montessori family. This letter, and the following material, has important information regarding our school. We are excited to work together to help your children achieve their full potential. In order to do so, we ask you to please keep in mind our school policies, procedures, and parent responsibilities.

### First Day of School:

Beginning a new school is very exciting, but comes with anxiety and nervousness for some parents and children. We will do our best to ensure a seamless transition and to ensure that each child feels loved, respected, and safe.

#### Important:

- Children must be dropped off and picked up in the reception area, so they can independently walk to their classrooms and back, respecting our Montessori way (parents are welcome to walk back after a few minutes and observe the child from the door window. Please kindly respect the sanctity of our classrooms, maintain silence, and do not disturb other students working).
- Jewelry (of any kind) is not allowed due to safety reasons.
- Please be understanding with items that might get lost. We do our best, but since our focus is our children, things get lost. Please do not send items to school that have a special value to you.
- For the safety of our children, the staff will only perform administrative duties after 10 AM.
- Better communication is a must between our teachers and Parents. Please always E-mail your teachers if you have any questions or concerns (a refrigerator magnet is available at the front desk with all the Email addresses).
- We want only the best for our children, including the best staff. Every year, we let go of our bottom performers, so only the finest remain to serve our children. Class "need list" is included with this package. Please email the teachers if you need more clarifications.

Very Best, The Montessori Management Team!



Dear Primary Parents,

These are the supplies our children need over the period of the school year. We will keep you updated to replenish, if needed.

**Dress Code:** Children must come in uniform, closed shoes (no sandals or crocs). Crocs are allowed on water days. Each child must bring two sets of clothing to keep in school (shirt, shorts, socks and underwear).

**Nap Time:** Full time students must bring their own crib size sheet and blanket every Monday. These items will go home on Fridays for washing.

Please label all items with the child's name with large letters with a sharpie marker.

**Snacks:** Each week, one child will be assigned to bring a snack, for the whole class, for the *following* week. The list of items will go home on Thursdays. Please email us if you have any questions. Please bring the snack items requested on Mondays.

Please keep in mind that we serve snacks three times a day.

Lunch: We teach manners, grace, and courtesy.

https://www.amazon.com/Convertible-Neoprene-Flatbox-Placemat-School/dp/B00FVZ4C1W/ref=sr 1 1?s=home-garden&ie=UTF8&qid=1504633185&sr=1-1&keywords=lunch+box+placemat

Each child must bring a healthy well-balanced lunch. Please provide each child with a fabric placemat that can fit inside his/her lunch box, utensils if lunch requires it, and a bowl if the food is in a thermos; it is very hard for the child to eat from the thermos if it's too deep. No sippy cups. In school, we drink from cups; our goal is to have the children serve themselves to help them become independent. *Also, please ensure that there are no cartoon characters on the lunch boxes*.

**Change of Clothing:** Two complete sets of clothing: shirt, shorts, socks, underwear that will stay in school in case of accident. *Please label all items with the child's name with large letters with a sharpie marker*.



### Supply List for Each Child

Art shirt (or smock)
1 soccer ball
1 storybook to add to classroom library. Must be age appropriate (No cartoon characters).
1 Ziploc box of each: storage, quart, sandwich, snack
1 box of facial tissues
2 presentation Folders for organization, with 2 pocket (one stays in the bag and one stays in the classroom. Two options:
https://www.amazon.com/Five-Star-Customizable-
Plastic-38133/dp/B0728B21YW/ref=sr_1_1?s=office-
products&ie=UTF8&qid=1503525185&sr=1-
<u>1&amp;keywords=five+star+custom+folder+2+pocket</u>
1 bottle of Elmer's glue <u>https://www.amazon.com/Elmers-Washable-No-Run-School-Bottles/dp/B00MAM0JL6/ref=sr_1_1?s=toys-and-games&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1504630968&amp;sr=1- 1&amp;keywords=1+bottle+of+Elmer%27s+glue</u>



Thick pencils	1 family photo ( <i>size: 4X6</i> )
https://www.amazon.com/Ticonderoga-Beginner- Pre-Sharpened-Sharpener- 33309/dp/B001G9G6XY/ref=pd_sim_21_2?_encodin	2 individual photo of your child 1 digital photo each of your child and family members for
g=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B001G9G6XY&pd_rd_r=V8VE7B7P 28SZ7ZZDWV3Q&pd_rd_w=gRYwe&pd_rd_wg=JJMv M&psc=1&refRID=V8VE7B7P28SZ7ZZDWV3Q	our system and/or classroom projects ( <i>size: 4X6</i> )

We also take book donations (must be age appropriate and in good condition).



### Reminders

- No backpacks
- No toys or jewelries of any kind is allowed in school.

### Suggestions

- We teach pulling out and pushing chairs back in after finishing snacks, lunches, and working with lessons. Please practice this and the following at home:
  - Use small cups and jars to help the children become independent
  - Use little stools to help with washing dishes and hands
  - Have them make their own bed (hard to do if in a crib)
  - Have small tables & chairs and low shelves
  - Let the child from time to time choose their clothes and shoes We hope that these suggestions help you at Home.

# Looking Forward to a Great Year!