



Atala Montessori

Dear Preschool 1 Parents,

We are very excited about the start of the school year and eagerly look forward to working with your children. You may have some questions about the classroom, and what is needed by the students. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions.

We will use plastic elastic folders to transfer work to and from school instead of backpacks. The folders we like are the expanding "InnDura" Ultra Color Wallet with elastic ties. You may find it at Amazon. They cost about \$11.00. Please check and empty folders every day. Along with email, Facebook, and the school's website, the folder is one more way to keep you informed of what is going on in the classroom. Please send in an extra set of clothes, socks, and underwear in a large Ziploc bag, which we will keep here in case of an accident. Your child/children should have at least a purple t-shirt for field trips and picture day. Please put your child's name on everything to avoid having it lost or misplaced.

Full-day children should also pack lunch daily. There is no refrigeration, so please keep this in mind as you pack their lunch marked with the child's name. It is a good idea to use the insulated ones to keep food cool and fresh. Please send a healthy well-balanced lunch for your child and a water bottle that could be refilled. The bottle should be labeled with his/her name on it also. Please make sure that your child can easily open and close containers to promote independence. Because of choking hazards children are not allowed to have any popcorn at school. Hot dogs should be cut in quarters and grapes must be cut in half lengthwise.

Child of the Day: At the beginning of each month, we will be sending a calendar home indicating when your child will be "The Child of the Day." He/she may bring fruit or vegetable for snack to share with the other children if he/she would like. On this day he/she will hold the flag, oversee the calendar, and will have other important jobs. It is a special day.

Monday is Show and Tell: The children may bring something special to show the class. Some of our favorites are: books, photographs, shells, rocks, artwork, etc. **Toys should be left at home.** We also enjoy hearing about a trip you took, a funny story, or what you did over the weekend.

Friday is Sharing Day. On this day, the children may bring a healthy snack to share with the class. This is optional and does not have to be done every week. We enjoy fruits, veggies, cheese, muffins, crackers, etc. Stickers are fun too, just be sure to cut them individually, so they are ready to be passed out. We are asking that all food brought into the classroom is healthy and would prefer fresh or homemade snacks. We would appreciate your help in implementing healthy eating habits in the classroom as well at home.

Friday is also an optional Pizza Day for those who wish to participate. We will be ordering cheese pizza. Money is sent in monthly and will vary depending on how many Fridays are in the month. The cost is \$4.00 per week and we do require cash only (no checks please). We ask that pizza for the month be paid in full by the first Thursday of the month. You will find the amount to be sent in on the monthly Child of the Day calendar. If your child is not going to participate, please send lunch. Please send the pizza money in a marked envelope or with a sticky note including your child's name and the amount being given.

We are looking forward to a very full and exciting year. Thank you for entrusting your child to our care.

Sincerely,

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