



Montessori Learning Centre

“Knowledge with Understanding”

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to beginning your *CASA* programme with MLCP. Your three-year experience will be one of excited growth.

As you watch your child mature academically, socially and emotionally, know that your investment in Montessori's time proven methods is sound and commendable. These absorbent years show your child developing responsible, independent, self-regulating skills which will overlap all areas of their life creating an engaged, self-expressive individual, in an all inclusive environment where all belong. Allow your child to share some of these with you - folding, sweeping, polishing, payments at the store, chopping, stirring, and measuring in the kitchen are all areas in which they would be proud to help. Let them walk independently into their classroom, on time, carrying whatever they need for the day. Remember Montessori's famous words: "HELP ME TO HELP MYSELF".

FRENCH classes continue to be offered each day. Mme. spends a period of time in each Casa class daily offering the French language through interactive exercises, song, movement, visual support and stories. Each classroom houses French exercises for independent use as chosen.

GYM DAYS are posted in each classroom. Please wear appropriate shoes and attire on these days.

INFORMATION will be forwarded via email to the provided addresses. Please check the website regularly for added communication. Each child does have a labeled pouch where additional or complimentary information can be exchanged. Please be sure to visit mlcp.ca → current parent → password (2019parent) → administrative → applicable class button and bring in, to the office, the requested form during the first week of school.

LUNCHES from home cannot be refrigerated or heated. Please use ice packs for cooling and thermoses for warming. Please provide plates, bowls and cutlery as needed. Unfinished lunch portions will be sent home. Please make lunches as environmentally supportive as possible. A reminder that all students under 4 years of age are required to participate in the hot lunch programme. The hot lunch programme is an option available to all students over 4 years of age or on an occasional basis as required.

MEDICATIONS We suggest parents store a fever/pain reducer and an antihistamine at school. In the event of those being needed, we can only administer labelled medication sent from home with parental signature. Classroom teachers or the office can supply the necessary form.

NAPS continue at 12:30 until 2:30 for all students under 4 years. Please advise if your child is to be awakened after a certain period of time if that is something that is important to you. **Two** labelled pieces of bedding are required and will be sent home each Friday for laundering. Older Casa students are required to enjoy a 30 minute quiet period each day before the afternoon programme begins.

NECESSITIES should all be **labelled**. MLCP suggests at least one **labelled** change of clothes and 2 changes of underwear and 2 changes of socks (especially in the winter). Backpacks and lunches should be stored on the appropriate shelves. Please **DO NOT** hang backpacks on hooks. Ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear at all times. Jackets and snowpants may be stored on the assigned hooks. We suggest hats, gloves and scarves be stored in sleeves for easy movement to dressing areas. Mabel's Labels are a great way to keep things identified. Labels are available for clothing, bags, shoes, household items and more and can be ordered from the website link found on the MLCP PTA Facebook Group Page.

SNACKS are provided at all academic levels at MLCP. Please see the menu for details.

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION continues to be welcomed. Please feel comfortable calling MLCP, at any time, to schedule a call or a meeting. We ask that you refrain from extended conversations with staff at drop-off or pick-up times. Monitoring of the children both academically and socially must be our priority.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to your classroom teacher.

Nicola Phillips
Principal

