



## Newsletter September 2021

### **Dear Parents,**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning and new families. We hope you had a enjoyable, restful summer. We look forward to a great year in our Montessori environment.

Beginning of a new school year is always exciting! No doubt it is a fresh beginning with new expectations, new schedules, new clothes, new and renewed friendships.

For our returning children September will be a month of transition from our relaxed summer program into a more structured program. For most of our new children this will be their first experience in a group situation away from their mom's and dad's. This adjustment can be challenging....

**Therefore we have enclosed a few reminders of our classroom and school procedures which would help you with this transition.**

### **Classroom and School Procedures.**

#### **Gradual Entry for New Children**

All New children will be scheduled to start with a shorter day. This will make it easier for them to transition and adapt to a new environment without separation anxiety. Preschool children will start with 1 hour. Daycare and Extended day children will do 2 hours on their first day. At the end of these sessions, the teacher will touch base with each parent and let them how their child is doing. We will gradually increase the time and will try to have all our new children for the full session by the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. However there can be exceptions where the child needs more time to settle in.

#### **Greetings and Goodbyes**

Please remember, it is important that you allow your child enough time to get ready for school so that he/she can be calm on arrival. We know that parents have busy work schedules but make your child a priority and find that extra time to get him/her ready for school.

In order to ease transition and to support independence please respect our policy of keeping your goodbyes brief and sweet outside the classroom. Also remember that the greeting teachers **do not have the time to engage in lengthy discussions** about your child's day at the beginning or end of sessions, as they have other children and duties to take care of. If there are concerns we will always let you know and the parents also can schedule an appointment if they have concerns.

## **School Clothing**

Children should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing. In order to foster independence please make sure that the clothes are easily manageable by the child when he/she has to use the washroom, getting ready for outdoor play etc. Our classrooms are adequately heated so there is no need to dress your child in layers and layers.

All children should also have spare clothing which will remain in their cubbies. This should contain a pair of pants, Shirt/ dress, underwear and socks. They also need a pair of shoes for indoor wear.

## **Toys**

Toys should be left at home.

## **Punctuality**

**Please make every effort to drop off your child by 9.00am the latest. PM Preschool latest drop off time is 12.45pm.** Daycare and extended day children who cannot come to school by 9.00am can join our program after 11.30am. Preschool children will have to miss that day.

We are a **Montessori learning environment** and it is very disruptive to the rest of the class and the children who are working easily get distracted by the ring of the door bell and the late arrival of their friends. **We are working hard to achieve certain goals with your child and punctuality sets a very good and important example for this.**

In case of an emergency, or if you have a very valid reason for getting late, please call the school or let the teachers know the day before and we will try and accommodate you.

**Also make sure that you pick up your child on time after the end of each session.** There will be **a late fee of \$1/= per minute** for all late pickups.

**Parents, please strictly adhere to the times as per your contract.**

## **Emergency kits**

Please prepare the Emergency kit following the list that was given to you. If you have any questions or need clarification please don't hesitate to speak with a teacher.

## **Label all children items**

All items belonging to your child have to be labeled clearly with the child's name. These include the school bags, bottles, boxes, lunch containers, extra clothes kept in the classroom, jackets, shoes etc. This way even if another child takes it home by accident it will be returned back to the school. If your items are not labeled, the teachers cannot help you if they go missing.

**We encourage parents to login to our website [www.brightstarmontessori.ca](http://www.brightstarmontessori.ca) in order to access the Prents Corner.**

**User name : brightstar**

**Password : 3503**

Parents can fnd Newsletters, School calander, information about our programs and other documents here.

We look forward to a safe, happy and productive school year.

Sincerely,

Class#1: Ms.Shvetha, Ms.Michelle

Class#2: Ms.Ambreen, Ms.Simrat