



September 2022 Newsletter - Parksville

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome the new and returning children and their families to Bright Star Montessori School. Our first day back is Tuesday September 6. We hope that your summer holiday was nice and relaxing. Miss Linda and Miss Kate will continue teaching in Room #1. Miss Juhee and Miss Rita will continue teaching in Room #2.

On our first day we are asking all families to bring:

- Refreshed or new earthquake kit
- 2 4x6 photos of your child
- Inside shoes, labeled
- Full change of clothes, labeled
- Bedding, if required

Arrival and Dismissal

We look forward to greeting the children daily at their classroom door. Please keep in mind that the doors open at 8 am for full day drop-off, 830 for extended day drop off and 845 for the half day program. It is important that you allow your child plenty of time to get ready for school so that she/he can feel calm on arrival. In order to ease the transition and support your child's independence, please respect our policy of keeping goodbyes brief and sweet, outside the classroom and reassure your child of your return.

Returning children will start back on their regular schedule.

New children have been scheduled to start with a shorter day. They will come at their prearranged time for gradual entry to allow for individual attention during their process of adaptation to the new environment and the classroom community. Your child will be dismissed at the door once she/he is ready. Attendance for the following days will gradually be lengthened, extending to the full session as soon as your child is ready. We will try to have our new children for the full day session on the third day, unless there are other recommendations from the teachers related to your child's adjustment in previous days.

Nap time for FULL DAY and EXTENDED DAY CHILDREN If your child naps your child will need one fitted sheet for 48"x 22" (120cm X 55cm) and one blanket. These items should be labeled with your child's name. Children will not need a pillow.

Toys/ books Please explain to your child that toys should be left at home. Children are welcome to bring books or items related to the monthly theme, for Show and Tell activity. To avoid confusion please remember to label the items with your child's name.

School clothing Children should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing. In order to foster independence please make sure that the clothes and shoes are easy to manage by herself/himself. Please put your child's name on all items of clothing to avoid confusion.

Your child's bag, which remains in the classroom, should contain:

- ✓ Spare pair of pants
- ✓ Spare pair of socks
- ✓ Spare pair of underwear
- ✓ Long short sleeved shirt or t-shirt
- ✓ Hard soled shoes (clean pair of shoes/runners/crocs style)
- ✓ Two plastic grocery bags labeled with your child's name

Earthquake preparedness kit Each child must bring to school a large see-through Ziploc plastic bag (freezer quality is best) with the following items inside:

1. Label with child's name, address and phone number as well as parents' work name, address and phone number.
2. List inside with - 1 emergency contact 100 km outside Parksville
 - 3 emergency contacts in Parksville – Nanaimo area
3. Small flashlight with batteries
4. Small "space" survival blanket (available at Canadian Tire)
5. Snack pack (crackers, canned fruit with flip-off tops). No peanuts.
6. Family picture
7. Tiny comfort toy
8. Band-aids small & large

Please bring all the above items with you on the first day, and also your Emergency Consent Card.

Snack & Lunch: Lunch with the name on the container needs to be sent to school with your child every day. Please make sure that you provide your child with a healthy and nutrition lunch and 2 snacks. Please do not send sweets in lunches –muffins, doughnuts, cakes, chips, candies, and chocolates. Our teachers will not allow your child to eat these items.

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To access Parent's Corner on our website www.brightstarmontessori.ca the user name is brightstar and password is 3503

Teachers can be reached by the school cell at **250 228 5923**

Ms. Lindsay can be emailed at: island@brightstarmontessori.ca for administrative questions

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We look forward to a wonderful 2022-2023

Miss Linda, Miss Kate, Miss Juhee, Miss Rita and Ms. Lindsay