



Bright Star Montessori QB

September 2022

Dear new and returning families,

We hope that your summer was filled with fun and relaxation. We are excited to get back into the swing of school and see what the year has in store for us. As the summer weather seems to be sticking around for awhile longer, we ask that parents/guardians still dress their children appropriate for the weather and send their children to school daily with a labeled water bottle and hat.

New Children Schedules

For many children school is their first experience in a group situation. For this reason, the new children have been scheduled to start with a shorter day. This allows for individual attention during their process of adaptation to the new environment and the classroom community. At first your child will attend class for 1 - 2 hours. Attendance for the following days will gradually be lengthened, extending to the full session as soon your child is ready.

School Hours

Please keep in mind that the classroom doors open at 8:00 am for all **FULL DAY** children, 8:30am for all **EXTENDED DAY** children and 8:45am for all **PRESCHOOL DAY** children. Please respect our policy of dropping of your child by 9am daily and keeping your goodbyes brief and sweet, outside the classroom, and reassure your child of your return. A reminder that our **LATE FEE** is \$1 per minute, per child for end of the day pick ups. Please ensure your child is picked up before their assigned pick-up time to avoid any late fees.

Snack and lunch

In our classroom we do not have a set snack time, we try to allow as much independence as possible by allowing them to decide when their body feels hungry. Due to this it is much easier for all if each child has a separate snack to help them to be as self guided as possible.

This year we would like to be as close to no trash as possible, please do not pack prepackaged food, we understand that this may not be always possible but please do your best. All food products producing garbage will be send home in their lunch bags to be recycled or disposed of at home.

Earthquake kit

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

- Child's full name, Date of birth, Address, Parents full name, Parents cell phone number, Parents place of work, and Parents work phone number

- A list with 3 local emergency contacts with their phone numbers
- A small flashlight with batteries
- Small “space” survival blanket (available at Canadian Tire)
- Snack pack (crackers, canned fruit with flip-off tops, etc).
- A sealed water bottle
- Family pictures
- Tiny comfort toy and small book
- Band-aids small & large
- Hand sanitizer

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

Show and Tell

During our school year (Sept – June) show and tell will only be done on a Friday. We ask that your child ONLY bring items from nature or the topic we are learning at that time. Each month we will be focusing on a different continent, anything relating to that topic are great options. Participating in Show and tell is not mandatory and is completely up to you and your child.

Teachers

Miss Holly is our head Montessori teacher, ECE and Manager. Miss Holly is Montessori trained and is looking forward to working with your children all year long.

She can be reached at 250-228-5949 during the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri.

Miss Sierra is our new ECE teacher. Miss Sierra joined us over the summer, and we are very grateful to have her here. Miss Sierra is excited to get to know all our new and returning children and families and learn more about our Montessori classroom.

Mumma Linda (our responsible adult) will be rejoining us September every Friday. Mumma Linda is full of energy and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Miss Lindsay is ECE assistant and Administrator for both island locations. Miss Lindsay can be emailed at: island@brightstarmontessori.ca

Thank you,

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