

Elementary Orientations Fall 2020

Orientations are going to look different this year, as we may not be able to do them in person.

Parent Meeting

This meeting will be held either via Zoom or in person and is for parents/caregivers and the teachers only. This is a very unique moment in time where many families have been home together, all day, every day, for many months. The Parent Meeting is a time to hear parents' thoughts, concerns, struggles, and joys. We want to connect with you, hear where your child is, where your family is, and get to know each other in this way prior to the Family Meeting. We do ask to schedule this meeting at a time when your child is not present. Out of respect for your child, we try never to talk about them in front of them. It is okay for just one parent/caregiver to participate in this meeting.

Family Meeting

After our Parent Meeting, we will schedule a Family Meeting for new students either via Zoom or in person with sign ups for each family to ensure everyone's safety. This meeting is for the whole family! It will be a chance for your child to meet their guide and assistants, see their face, hear their voice, and get to know each other. Children may be shy or reserved during this meeting, and that is okay! If your child just wants to listen and watch, that is just fine- that happens during in-person orientations, too! The Family Meeting is a time for your child to get comfortable meeting and seeing their teacher either in person or through technology; and to see their parents/caregivers feeling comfortable and excited about meeting their future teachers.

Parent Night

We are very excited to present Parent Night in a new way this year! You will receive recordings and/or invitations for these parent nights in the weeks to come. The guides will be discussing Montessori theory and you will see examples of this theory put into practice. They will provide examples of how to embrace and bring the Montessori principles into your daily life. They will discuss the physical and psychological learning environment, the rules and limits consistent with school, managing daily scheduling, setting up for independence, and what this looks like for children of different ages and abilities. Each guide will also talk about how to set up the work in your home environment.

These parent nights will likely answer many questions you already have, as well as sparking new ones. The Parent Nights will serve as a Q&A, as well as a Back to School Night where you get to know your teacher, learn about the classroom, community, Montessori philosophy, and curriculum. This event is for all families, new and returning. Recordings and/or invitations will be sent closer to the start of school.