

Montessori School of Sonoma

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CHILDCARE PROGRAM

7:00am -6:00pm

This program is a year-round program for children 2-10 years of age. It is not drop-in childcare. Your child must be registered in advance. We limit the number of children per day to correspond with our staffing. If your child will not be attending childcare for a particular day due to illness or vacation, please let us know so that we can temporarily offer your space to someone else. If your child is not signed up as a regular childcare student and you want to use the service, please submit your request 48 hours in advance and we will try to accommodate you.

We offer a relaxed and casual setting geared to the needs and interests of each child. Our childcare program is the nucleus of the school. The children flow in and out through the day. We do a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities. We are able through our childcare program to enrich the Montessori experience with activities such as; dramatic play, art projects, painting, reading books, flannel board stories, circle time, songs, games and free play. Our Childcare program provides bountiful opportunities for social interaction, which is a key element to the developing child.

Each child will be assigned a cubby for his/her belongings. We discourage children from bringing valuable/cherished items to school. No toys allowed. Please send your child to school in appropriate clothing. The children take part in a variety of activities and their clothes may get dirty. Please choose clothing that is durable, loose fitting and easy for the child to pull on/off by himself for bathroom purposes. Also, choose easy fasteners for jackets, sweaters, etc. Belts are not encouraged. Please help your child select shoes that are good for running, jumping and climbing. Flip-flops and slide shoes are not allowed at school, as they can be dangerous on the playground. All of these suggestions will help your child become more independent. All children **must** have a change of clothes to be left at school in their cubbies. ***Please put your child's name on all clothing and belongings.***

Lunches: Children bring their own lunches. We recommend nutritious food, please NO CANDY, GUM, ETC... Please see the enclosed lunch & snack policy for details. If you pack some food that needs refrigeration, please put your child's name on the container and put it in the fridge. Please do not put the entire lunch box in the refrigerator. Lunch boxes may be left in the child's cubby. If food needs to be warmed, please label it and leave it on top of the stove in the kitchen so that we can have it ready at your child's lunch time.

Snacks: We provide a morning snack. If your child will be staying after 3pm, please provide a nutritious afternoon snack; for example, half a sandwich, fruit, celery/carrot sticks, cheese and crackers, hard boiled egg, or nuts.

Nappers: Naptime is between 12:30 and 3:00pm. Children may get up when they are through resting. If your child has a special blanket or stuffed animal that they sleep with, they may bring it to school and leave it in their cubby until naptime. Please remember to take items home to wash when appropriate.

Sick Children: We do not have the space or staff to care for ill children. Please keep them home to aid in their recovery and to prevent the spread of illness to other children and staff.

KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME:

- If s/he has a fever or has had one during the previous 24 hours.
- If s/he has a heavy nasal discharge.
- If s/he has a consistent cough.
- If s/he is fussy, cranky, and generally not oneself.
- If s/he is tired. Rest at such times may prevent the development of serious illness.
- If s/he has symptoms of a possible communicable disease.

Please notify the school at once if your child does have a communicable disease.

PLEASE: *No toys, candy, gum, unauthorized children, or late pick-up of children. Please note that the school closing time is 6:00pm!*

Childcare Daily Schedule

7:00am	School open
7:00am-8:30am	Inside free play
8:30am-9:30am	Outside playtime
9:30am-10:00am	Circle time, stories and songs
10:00am-10:15am	Snack time
10:15am- 10:45am	Free playtime, art or cooking activity
10:45am-11:00am	Clean-up, circle time and wash up for lunch
11:00am-11:30am	Lunch
11:30am-12:25pm	Outside playtime
12:25pm	Nappers go down
12:30pm-1:00pm	Circle time, stories and songs
1:00pm-2:30pm	Free playtime, art, or cooking activity
2:30pm-3:00pm	Clean-up, circle time and outside playtime
3:00pm-5:00pm	Clean-up yard, snack time
5:00pm-6:00pm	Inside play, quiet time, books and games
6:00pm	School closed