



The  
Children's House  
*An Independent Montessori School*

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Dear Children's House Families,

Summer on campus is bursting with beautiful color. From blooming perennials along the front walk, to the plants in the production gardens that are heavy with fresh produce, our 8 1/2 acres are more beautiful than ever! We are busy planning for the upcoming 2010-2011 year and look forward to welcoming you.

By now, you should have received a welcome card with a photo of your child's teacher. For those of you who are new to the school or have a child entering a new toddler or primary classroom, you will be receiving a call soon from your child's guide to make plans for a home visit.

This year, the **Opening Parent Meeting** will take place **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with parents new to the school for summer or fall of 2010 arriving at 6:00pm and returning parents arriving at 6:30pm.** This meeting is our opportunity to welcome you and share important information about the upcoming year. We ask that all parents attend.

Attached, you will find all of the information you need to begin planning for a great year together. Please review the contents and contact us if you have any questions.

It is our mission to partner with you in making certain that your child has the best and most personalized education possible. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this important process with you.

Looking forward to a great year,

Michele Shane  
Head of School



## **Orientation Day 2010-2011**

### **Tuesday, September 7- Student Orientation Day**

- Upper Elem. 4<sup>th</sup> year students 8:30-11:00  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students 1:00-3:30
- Lower Elem. 1<sup>st</sup> year students 8:30-11:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students 1:00-3:30
- Primary 1st year students 8:30-9:30  
2nd year students 10:00-11:00  
Extended Day students 1:00-3:30
- Toddler All returning infant and toddler students 8:30-3:30 (or regular  
schedule within those hours)

New Infant and toddler student schedules are individualized and arranged during the home visit. Please refer to the welcome card with your child's name for details.

### **Wednesday, September 8- Regular Schedule Begins including Early Care, Friend's Club and School Provided Lunch**

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**STUDENT SUPPLY LIST 2010-2011**

Welcome! Please bring the following items to school on your first day (even if it's just a visiting day). Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about supplies.

**ALL STUDENTS**

- Completed Child Information Card. New students must have one on file on the first day. Your child's teacher will provide one for you at the home visit. Parents of returning children should come to the reception desk to update the information cards on file.
- Health Appraisal form completed by a physician annually for children under 30 months and every 2 years for children over 30 months who are not yet in extended day.
- Statement of Good Health completed annually by the parent for children in extended day and elementary.
- Immunization record

**INFANT-TODDLERS ONLY**

- Diapers as needed. We will use *Kirkland* brand (unscented) wet wipes. Please send your own wipes (labeled packages) if your child is sensitive to this brand.
- One pair of slippers or slip-on shoes to leave at school. Slippers should have water-resistant bottoms and be as simple as possible. No "light-up" shoes please.
- Toddler-sized toothbrush and toothpaste (labeled with name)

**INFANT-TODDLER AND PRIMARY STUDENTS**

One complete change of clothes including socks and underclothing. Place clothing in a one gallon size labeled zip-loc bag. (Wet clothes will be sent home in plastic bags to be washed.)

**PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

One pair of gym shoes with non-marking soles to be left at school. Students will not be able to participate in gym activities without appropriate footwear. No "light-up" shoes or slippers please.

**LOWER ELEMENTARY**

3 doz. plain #2 pencils  
2 square rubber erasers  
1 hard cover, bound, lined paper journal with blank pages (journal with book mark preferred)  
1 spiral bound sketch pad (blank pages)

Nadine's class (additional items)

4 plain folders (duo-tang is fine) with rings or pins to hold paper  
1 hard covered 7" X 9.5" composition book – lined pages  
1st year students need an additional plain red folder and small address book

**UPPER ELEMENTARY**

3 doz. standard #2 pencils (yellow barrel)  
1 box of twelve colored pencils  
1 glue stick  
100 sheets 8 1/2" x 11" graph paper  
250 sheets 8 1/2" x 11", lined, (wide rule) paper  
4 spiral notebooks  
1 hard cover, bound, lined paper, writing journal (8.5" X 11")  
1 pencil sharpener and eraser  
1 small pencil case  
1 pair scissors  
1 ruler with U.S and metric units  
1 protractor

**ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: gardening gloves, apron or big shirt for Della Terra work**

**PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING, OUTERWEAR AND FOOTWEAR, BOOTS & BACKPACKS  
WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**



Dear Families,

The concept of healthy living is very important to us at The Children's House. We provide programming that encourages students to create healthy habits in a variety of ways. With Physical Education and daily movement, Della Terra (our gardening program) and cooking both in the classroom and in the kitchen, children learn about the importance of good health.

It is our priority to provide your child with fresh, nutritious, unprocessed food using local and organic options whenever possible. At the same time we are committed to maintaining a cost that allows us to support the program while allowing you a healthy and affordable lunch option.

The cost of lunch at \$3.25 per day supports program expenses. We hope that this pricing coupled with the convenience and peace of mind of knowing that your child is eating delicious and healthy food will encourage you to take advantage of the program. To look at sample menus, please go to our website at [www.traversechildrenshouse.org/lunch\\_menu.asp](http://www.traversechildrenshouse.org/lunch_menu.asp)

Come in and try lunch with your child. It will undoubtedly change your perception of "school lunch!"

In good health,

Michele Shane  
Head of School