



# ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Greetings Parents,

It is with great pleasure for me to welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year! I am excited to get the school year started and on its way. My name is Regina Villaruel and this is my 4th year at Arborland Montessori Children's Academy and my 33rd year as a Montessori teacher. Watching my students grow, learn, and develop in their unique ways is something that I cherish deeply. I'm excited to see all the returning students and excited to meet the new students.

Lower elementary is such an exciting time for students to embark on a new journey to learn how to read, write, perform fundamental operations, and do much more! I will work hard to ensure your child obtains the attention he or she deserves. Together with all the elementary teachers, I hope to make education fun for all and instill a love for learning.

This school year promises to be another productive partnership with you to ensure that your children will be able to achieve their highest potential. As partners, please share with me the responsibility for your child's success.

I ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time (8:30 am), ready for the day's learning experience
- Complete all homework assignments
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve vocabulary and comprehension
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Lastly, but most importantly, know that you expect him/her to succeed in school

The following are other essential information as we start the school year.

## **Daily Classroom Schedule**

8:30-11:30 Three-Hour Work Period (Morning Montessori Work Time)

11:30-12:00 Class Meeting/Whole Class Lesson Presentation

12:00-12:30 Lunch Time

12:30- 1:00 Play Time

1:00- 3:00 Afternoon Montessori Work Time

**Snack**

A daily snack time of 10 minutes is available for your child. Please send a small nutritious snack such as a granola bar, fruit, crackers, juice, etc. Please help us by reminding your child that he/she may not have chips for snacks. Please be advised that candy, gum, chocolates, nuts and soda are prohibited in school. Sharing of food is also discouraged. A microwave is not available during snack time.

**Homework**

Contrary to popular belief, Montessori children do have homework. Montessori education is continuous. Therefore, it is important that children have continued opportunities in their own homes to assume responsibility, accept the natural consequences, manage time, and choose activities wisely. Their homework packet is given every Friday so that you may plan and schedule your child's other activities. Please remember that children learn by doing. They need to participate actively in all areas of life and living. They are physically tough, gregarious, and quite capable of responsibility.

**Lunch**

For children who bring lunch from home, a microwave is available in the classroom to warm meals (not for cooking!). If you want your child to have instant noodles/macaroni and cheese for lunch, please cook it at home and place it in a microwavable safe container; we will be happy to assist your child to warm it up in school.

**Laptop**

Part of our technology implementation will include having the students use technology devices regularly throughout the school year. We highly encourage all the students to bring their laptops. Their laptops will be used as an academic learning tool only. No nonacademic games will be allowed at any time on the school campus.

**Communication**

Communication between the parent, child, and teacher is vital in education. However, there are better times to meet with the parents than just at the start or end of class. The office will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient appointment time. If there is an urgent need, I will be available from 8:00-8:30 am as I do my classroom preparation. You may also email me at [msvillaruel@arborland.com](mailto:msvillaruel@arborland.com).

Lastly, please take time to read through the school handbook for more information. It can be located on our website at [www.arborland.com](http://www.arborland.com) → Parent's Corner → Parent Handbook. Again, I

look forward to working with you and your child. I am excited for another meaningful and productive school year!

**Supplies Needed – To be brought 1st day of school**

- One 5-subject notebook (red for 1st grade, green for 2nd grade, blue for 3rd grade)
- 3 1-subject college ruled notebook (RED for 1st grade, GREEN for 2nd grade, BLUE for 3rd grade)
- 1 black 2-inch three-ring binder for the classroom
- 1 white 1-inch three-ring binder for the weekly homework/classwork
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 set markers
- 1 set crayons
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 1 set of watercolors
- Erasers
- Sharpener (no battery operated please)
- Dictionary

**Supplies that will be collected at the beginning of the year:**

- 1 pack of college-ruled reinforced paper
- 1 pack of card stock paper in assorted colors
- 1 pack of white paper
- 2 white glues
- 4 glue sticks

Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your children!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Regina Villaruel

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