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INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Hello Parents,

My name is Chastain Finnegan (Ms. Chas) and welcome to Room 5! I am looking forward to working with you and your child this school year. This is my second year teaching at Arborland and I am so excited! I am a long-time Fullerton resident and have been working with young children for about 20 years. I attended Long Beach City College, Fullerton College, University of Phoenix, and University of California, Irvine. I obtained my Montessori Diploma from UCI and have been a Montessori Teacher for ten years. I have even had the privilege of training new Montessori teachers as Assistant Director in the last few years. I absolutely love teaching!

This year will look a little different with additional safety measures in place but rest assured that your child will continue to learn and socialize with safe distance in the classroom.

Our daily schedule consists of the following:

8:30-9:00 Arrival and begin work

9:00-9:15 Morning meeting

9:15-9:30 Group snack

9:30-10:00 Children's independent work time

10:00-10:15 Outdoor playtime

10:15-11:00 Children's independent work time

11:00-11:20 Singing and movement games

11:20-11:30 Prepare for lunch

11:30-12:00 Lunch time

12:00-12:15 Outdoor playtime

12:30-2:30 Younger children rest (under 4 years)

12:30-1:00 Story time

1:00-2:45 Independent work time for older children

2:45-3:00 Clean up and group time

3:00-3:15 Dismissal and after school childcare

We will be following the below safety measures and guidelines to ensure everyone's safety:

- Classroom has been rearranged for social distancing
- Please provide your child with a pencil box with the following supplies: pack of #2 pencils, erasers, box of classic colored pencils, box of crayons, scissors, pack of glue

sticks, 1 composition notebook. I will let you know if materials in the pencil box need to be replenished.

- Temperatures will be checked each morning. If your child is sick or has a temperature of over 100.4^{o}F, your child will be asked to stay home to rest and recover.
- Parents need to wear a mask when entering the school
- Children 3+ will need to wear a face mask on campus. Please send your child with an extra mask just in case.
- Children will not be sharing materials or toys
- If a child is bringing lunch and water bottles from home, ***please wash lunchpails and water bottles at the end of each day at home***. Brown paper bags and plastic water bottles are encouraged for this year only to limit the spreading of germs/viruses
- Each child needs to bring an extra set of clothes, labeled and in a zip-loc bag. These will be kept in your child's cubby. The children under 4 years old need to bring a crib size sheet and a small blanket for nap time. Please place these items in a ***sealed bag*** labeled with their name. Blankets will be sent home each Friday to be washed and brought back the following Monday
- Proper hand washing and hygiene will be taught
- Only staff and children will be allowed inside classrooms
- All surfaces and materials will be sanitized multiple times a day

On a side note, your child's work will be sent home each day, if they have paperwork. Please do not be alarmed if your child does not have paperwork each day as many Montessori materials do not require paperwork.

As you are aware, parent-teacher communication is very important, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments concerning your child. I am available to speak to you before or after class by phone if you call the office. You can also leave a message with the front office or email me (please see below). I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support. I'm looking forward to an adventurous and memorable year here at Arborland Montessori with your child!

Kind Regards,

Ms.Chas

Lead Montessori Teacher