



# ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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## Welcome to Mrs. Shilpi Sharma's Infant Classroom 2020-2021!

### Dear Parents,

Welcome new and returning families to our Infant Classroom A2!! I want to ensure you that your child is in very safe hands. My primary goal always includes creating a positive, healthy, and safe environment that promotes child growth. I am a fully qualified, CPR trained Infant/Toddler teacher. My specialty is that I connect with children and have more than 25 years' experience helping me to understand the needs of the child/parents and providing them comfort. I attained a Masters in Sociology in India. After moving to America, I studied Early Childhood Education in Irvine Valley College, CA because of my love for working with young children.

A few important classroom reminders as we start our school year:

1. **STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY:** Arborland has put in place many safety measures to ensure everyone's safety during this Covid-19 pandemic.
  - a. Each student and parent will have their temperature taken upon drop-off.
  - b. Anyone who is sick or has a temperature of 100.4°F+ will be asked to stay home.
  - c. Parents must wear masks while on campus. Limit drop-off to one adult to avoid creating crowds.
  - d. Social distance is always expected.
  - e. Frequent hand washing and cleaning will occur throughout the day.
  - f. Classroom materials and cribs/cots will not be shared among children until after they have been disinfected.
  
2. **Illness:** Although childhood illnesses are inevitable, we can do our best to prevent their spread. If you know or suspect your infant is not feeling well, please take them to the doctor. If it is contagious, please be sure to inform our school and keep your child at home. It is our school policy to inform the parents when a child has a contagious disease because there is a chance your child will spread it to another child. In an infant setting, illnesses spread more easily because they tend to put things in their mouths more often than older children. I do disinfect the room and encourage lots of hand washing throughout the day as preventative measures. If I suspect your child is not feeling well, I will notify you. If your child has a fever or is sick, they should be kept home and will not be permitted to return to school until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours or are no longer contagious.
  
3. **Cleaning Procedures:** We shall do the following daily basis to ensure a clean environment:
  - a. Disinfect door handles, switches, faucets, counters, shelves, tables and chairs.
  - b. Sanitize all used materials before returning to shelves.

- c. Disinfect cots/cribs after nap.
  - d. Clear trash cans after lunch and before closing.
  - e. Mop the floor with bleach after school.
4. Supplies to bring for your Infant (please make sure ALL items are clearly labeled):
- a. Diapering: Diapers, Wipes, Diaper ointment
  - b. Eating: Bibs, Sippy cup
  - c. Playing: Shoes
  - d. Napping: Crib size sheet & small blanket (to be taken home every Friday and washed)
  - e. Just in Case: Hat, sunblock, and at least 3 changes of clothes
5. Your child's daily report will be sent home each day. They will nap and eat/feed according to their own schedules until it is time to prepare them to transition to the toddler room.

Our Montessori Curriculum will focus on four areas of development: movement, sensory perception, language and order. It includes story time, music time, indoor/outdoor playtime, arts & crafts, tummy time, counting time, vocabulary time, and more.

The following activities will be individualized to your child, and he/she will be working on activities in developmental levels that suit them.



### **2020 -2021 Monthly Themes**



August: All about Me  
September: Apples/Farms  
October: Pumpkins/Fall leaves  
November: Turkeys/Thanksgiving  
December: Gingerbread/Holiday Fun  
January: Snow/Winter/Bears  
February: Valentine's Day/Love  
March: St. Patrick's Day/Spring  
April: Animals/Bugs  
May: Flowers/Plants

As you may be aware, parent-teacher communication is very important, so please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you soon. I will make sure to keep you updated on any progress and upcoming events this coming new school year.

If you can take the time and add some positive feedback about our school and infant room on Yelp, it will help create great confidence in new enrolling kids' parents about our school and teachers.

Thank you,  
Ms. Shilpi Sharma