# Montessori Country Day School

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### Pre-school/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Program 2020–2021 School Year

For Children Ages 2 Years 10 Months and Older, by September 1, 2020

The Montessori classroom provides a specially prepared environment designed to encourage the child to work at an individual pace towards an understanding of the world. Activities are self-correcting and entice the child to learn through hands-on experiences. The curriculum includes language, math, practical life, and sensorial activities. Music, art, science, geography, world cultures, and computer use are also an integral part of the classroom. Gym, Library, and French classes are incorporated on a weekly basis and a formal Art class is offered bi-weekly (these special activities cannot be guaranteed for students choosing less than a 5 day schedule.) Special programs and field trips are held throughout the year.

In accordance with Pennsylvania regulations, our classrooms are licensed by the Department of Education. Kindergarten students must by 5 years old by October 31<sup>st</sup> of the enrolled school year. Each school district has its own age requirements and acceptance policies for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Enrollment in our program does not guarantee 1<sup>st</sup> grade placement by your school district for the following year; parents must familiarize themselves with their school district policies.

2020–2021 Rates for Preschool/Pre-K/Kindergarten Programs (Staff/Child Ratio is 1:10)

2020–2021 Pre-S/Pre-K/K	Days	Hours	Hourly Rate	10 Monthly Payments of:
AM Only				
2 Day AM*	M T W Th F	9:00 to 12:00	\$13.50	\$ 292
3 Day AM*	M T W Th F	9:00 to 12:00	\$13.50	\$ 438
5 Day AM		9:00 to 12:00	\$ 9.75	\$ 527
PM Only				
2 Day PM	M T W Th F	1:00 to 4:00	\$9.75	\$ 211
3 Day PM	M T W Th F	1:00 to 4:00	\$ 9.75	\$ 316
5 Day PM		1:00 to 4:00	\$ 8.69	\$ 469
AM with some PM				
5 Day AM + 2 Day PM	M T W Th F	9:00 to 4:00	\$ 9.57	\$ 808
5 Day AM + 3 Day PM	M T W Th F	9:00 to 4:00	\$ 9.57	\$ 948
Full Day				
2 Day AM/PM*	M T W Th F	9:00 to 4:00	\$11.37	\$ 573
3 Day AM/PM*	M T W Th F	9:00 to 4:00	\$11.37	\$ 860
5 Day AM/PM		9:00 to 4:00	\$ 8.69	\$ 1095

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to limited availability

The lunch hour is included in the tuition for the 9:00 to 4:00 program.

If you have any additional questions about the program or registering your child, please contact Michelle Machuzick or Cathy Robinson at 610-777-3080.

#### Registration Fee and Payment Policies

A \$50.00 registration fee is required to guarantee placement and must be returned with the registration form. This is NON-REFUNDABLE. All tuition payments are due on the first of the month, June 2020 and then September 2020 through May 2021. The first payment is due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and is necessary to ensure placement for your child. If you choose to withdraw after making that first payment, you must do so in writing by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. After receipt of the written request, the first tuition payment will be reimbursed to you. We use an online software system to post tuition charges. All families are able to access the amount due each month. We accept cash, checks, e-checks and credit cards as payment. If you choose to pay with a credit card, you will automatically be charged a 3% convenience fee per transaction. Receipts must be requested from the office.

#### Additional Daycare and Lunch Hours

Additional daycare hours are available from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, noon to 1:00 PM, and 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students must provide a lunch from home when using the lunch hour. Prescheduled care is an additional cost of \$11.50 per hour. Drop-in care is available at a cost of \$13.00 per hour.

Pre-scheduled daycare is daycare that has been scheduled through the office and paid for one month in advance, as part of the tuition payment. Drop-in daycare must also be scheduled through the office and paid for at the time of service. Arrangements will be made for drop-in care after staff and child ratios are considered.

#### **Specials and Non-Standard Schedules**

You are encouraged to enroll your student for 5 days per week. We find that children do best with a 5-day schedule. We do understand that for some families, a different schedule is preferred. If you choose to enroll your student for less than 5 days per week, you are encouraged to choose a standard M/W/F or T/Th <u>full day</u> schedule. While we endeavor to get every child to each special activity (library, gym, art, and French), it may not be possible when students are enrolled less than 5 days per week.

#### Half-Day Programs

We offer two half day programs: the AM program, and the PM program. The content of our afternoon program is identical to our morning program. We use the same classrooms, materials, and teachers.

#### Sickness, Vacation and Withdrawal Policies

FULL TUITION IS DUE EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR ON VACATION. This payment is necessary to hold your child's slot in the program. If you choose to withdraw your child from our program anytime during the school year, you will not be obligated to pay the remainder of your child's annual tuition. You will not however, be refunded any portion of tuition already paid to the school.

#### **Rolling Admission**

If there is available space, children can be enrolled at any time throughout the school year. Monthly tuition rates may be different from the rates printed in the chart on this form. Tuition is based on a 180-day school year calendar. Tuition will be pro-rated depending on the time of year your child begins in the program and the number of days remaining in the school year.

#### **Registration Procedures**

Please complete the attached form. Sign and submit it to the school with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit. Thank you. If you have any additional questions about the program or registering your child, please contact Michelle Machuzick or Cathy Robinson at 610-777-3080.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date received:
Deposit received:
Cash/Check #:
Received by:
[ ] Entered into school software

Child's Name:	Age:Date of Birth:
Address:	
Parent/Guardian Information	Parent/Guardian Information:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Home/Cell Phone:	Home/Cell Phone:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Business Phone:	Business Phone:

# **2020–2021 Rates for Pre-School/Pre-K/Kindergarten Programs**—**Staff/Child Ratio is 1:10** All rates based on 180-day school year calendar. Any student starting after the first day of the school year or adding additional hours after the start of the school year will have tuition amount adjusted according to the days remaining in the year. Please circle the program you are registering your child for in the 2020–2021 school year.

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2020–2021 Rate for Prescheduled Daycare is \$11.50 per hour

Daycare Times	Days (Circle Desired Days)	List Desired Times
AM Care, 7:00–9:00 AM	M T W Th F	
Lunch Care, 12:00–1:00 PM (included in full day student fee)	M T W Th F	
PM Care, 4:00–6:00 PM	M T W Th F	

Tuition is not reduced due to absence, illness, vacation, or holidays. Tuition is calculated by the number of days in the school year, not in the school month; therefore the ten monthly payments are equal and predetermined.

Registration applications are recorded in the order that they are received. Programs are assigned in that order. If you would like to request a particular classroom or teacher, please note your request in the space provided. We will try to accommodate requests when assigning children to classrooms. However, consideration must be given to class size and the gender and age ratios in the classrooms. It is our policy, when possible, to keep returning students with their teachers. In the best interests of the children we serve, we place siblings in different classrooms.

First Choice Teacher Request:		
Second Choice Teacher Request:		
I have read and understand the registration	information.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	

Please return this form with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. You will receive required paperwork for your child in May 2020. Thank You!