

MONTESSORI CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer. Our MCDC Sharks are ready for another memorable school year! We welcome our new students and families, and we are excited that you joined MCDC. We are here to assist you with navigating through our school, keeping track of all the activities and events. Just ask.

The office is open from 8-6 p.m. Feel free to stop by and talk to Ms. Ann or Ms. Cyndi for any questions, concerns, and suggestions. We strive to check the school's email periodically and during off hours. You are welcome to email us at mcdcsharks@gmail.com. If we are unable to answer the phones, please leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as we can!

Please check your email for our monthly newsletter. We also post our newsletter on our website, so please check it every month for news, events, and holiday reminders.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us for Back to School Night on Friday, September 29 from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. This parent only event is a great way to learn more about your child's class, their work, and to get to know your child's teacher and the new parents/children in class. Even if it's your second or third year here at MCDC, it's good to attend just to see what new things are in store for the year. Please RSVP.

It is a minimum day and the school closes at 12:30 p.m. Daycare will not be available during this time.

UNITED NATIONS DAY PARADE

MCDC will hold its annual United Nations Peace Day with a parade of nations on Thursday, September 21. If your child has a traditional outfit for a certain country, he or she may wear it that day. Just bring extra clothes to change after. We will also celebrate by tasting foods from around the world. Sign-ups will be posted in each class.

CLOTHING

As much as we adore cute super hero/villain shirts (Spiderman, Batman, Darth Vader), children under six love to imitate and portray the characters on their shirts. This often leads to children unintentionally hurting others. We would like to request children from the Primary and Pre-Primary not to wear this type of clothing. Clothing with real super heroes, like firemen, astronauts, etc. are a great alternative. Please have your child wear clothing appropriate for school and play. No princess dresses, costumes, or capes during school time. We want children to be safe and have fun.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 5

Student Information and Immunization Updates Due

Friday, September 8

United Nations Peace Day Celebration

Thursday, September 21

Yearbook Class Pictures

Monday, September 25

(Toddlers and Primary classes)

Tuesday, September 26

(Elementary and Make up)

Back to School Night

Friday, September 29

5:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

(Minimum Day/ School dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Parents only/No Daycare)

ROOM PARENTS

Our students really look forward to all the fun events we plan each year. If you like organizing events, reading stories to children, creating crafts during our parties, or just want to help out in your child's class, then you are the perfect room parent or parent volunteer. Each year our room moms and dads bring so much smiles and cheer to our school. Please see Ms. Cyndi if you would like to volunteer.

ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN AND OUT

Please sign-in and sign-out your child every day. California Community Care Licensing requires parents to sign-in and out their child every day. This tracks your child's attendance, which is important for emergencies.

Our school has valued and embraced the teachings of Dr. Montessori. The daily harmonious flow of the school pictures the many busy hands hard at work, thinking, talking, laughing, and caring for each other and the world. The little rollie polly is not stepped on, but is observed as it wiggles itself back to the ground. You see a little child picking flowers to hand to a teacher or a friend. These simple acts of caring and generosity of the heart is what makes this Montessori school special.

Children come to this world, full of potential. With the way of the world, we are often swayed to push children to only focus on the academics, while ignoring the beautiful life that is in this child and the powers this child can bestow upon the world. Dr. Montessori developed this method, not to make geniuses out of children, but she wanted education to be a tool, an “aid to life. This means children become problem solvers, thinkers; become autonomous, to survive in the real world and using what one has learned to help others; become tolerant of people’s differences; become responsible, industrious, and have an utmost respect for themselves and the lives around them; and to become creative and appreciate the beauty in life.

In the classrooms, children are allowed to move freely to choose their work. They learn to collaborate with other children and teachers. They learn kind manners and respect for oneself, others, and the environment. Children are taught that the process is the most important part of the final product. They are allowed to make mistakes, repeat exercises, until they gain mastery with their work. They gain confidence by allowing them to start with simple tasks, build on foundational skills, then have the experience to try out challenging work with confidence. They learn that the Peace Table is where they settle differences and that listening is important to getting your point across. You hardly see children being sent to the office. They practice grace and courtesy through food work and lunch preparation. They paint and draw masterpieces for mom, dad, or for someone in mind.

As we settle in to a new school year, let’s remind ourselves of the wonderful things children can accomplish. Guided by nurturing adults, who allow them to practice every day life skills (dressing for themselves, eating on their own, preparing their lunches, and getting their school stuff ready), who allow them to talk respectfully to others, who show them kindness and generosity, who allow them to respect nature (keeping the earth clean by using less disposable items, recycling, kindness to little critters on the ground), and who allow them to enjoy being children (giving them time to think, laugh, play, read, pick a flower, or sit quietly observing their environment), children develop these life-long skills that will prepare them for the real world.

We welcome you to our school, our little school here in Surf City, USA. A kind school where every single person is valued for who they are.

Welcome Back to School!



3 Years Old
Lincoln - 9/9

8 Years Old
Kenneth 9/28

4 Years Old
Sammi 9/23

9 Years Old
Trevor T. 9/19

5 Years Old
Cameron 9/19

10 Years Old
Jonah 9/4

6 Years Old
Charlie 9/22

Teachers
Ms. Mary 9/18

POTLUCK PRE-PAYMENT OPTION

Busy as ever? There are 12 main celebrations this year and parents have the option to prepay for the potlucks. For \$60.00, you are covered for all the potluck responsibilities throughout the year. Your payment will go into a classroom account. The room parent will have access to the account and use it to purchase items needed for the potlucks. Simply drop off your payment in the tuition box. Of course, you have an option to sign up for the potlucks.

PIZZA FRIDAYS!

*\$5.00 FOR PIZZA, JUICE, AND FRUIT

PIZZA ORDERS WILL BE BILLED MONTHLY OR PRE-PAY FOR THE MONTH. ENVELOPES ARE IN EACH CLASS. CHILDREN WILL AUTOMATICALLY GET PIZZA IF HE/SHE DOES NOT HAVE A LUNCH ON FRIDAYS.

MORNING AND

AFTERNOON DAYCARE

If you wish to drop off your child before 9 a.m. or pickup after 3 p.m., be sure to sign up for the a.m. /p.m. daycare.

Be sure to drop off or pick up your child at your scheduled time to avoid daycare fees. Daycare sign up is necessary to maintain proper staff-child ratio.