

Little Flowers Montessori School



Celebrating more than 100 years of the Montessori Method

August 4, 2008

Welcome

We would like to welcome the new and the returning families to Little Flowers Montessori School. We are looking forward to this year and to building a better community.

Staff Changes

This year there will be some new faces at Little Flowers Montessori School. Nadine Edgar has transferred to the St. Louis Park campus.

The staff at the Plymouth campus includes:

Toddler Community -

Preethy Goonetilleke, guide

Sandy Christian, assistant

Casa 1 – Staci Friedman, guide

Assistant will be announced

Casa 2 – Asheley Nelson, guide

Victoria Dyrud-Rassi, assistant (transferred from our St. Louis Park campus)

Youngmi Kim, assistant

Casa 3 – Brenda Hanlon, guide

Mary Beth Galloway, assistant

Emergency Numbers

When filling out the new emergency card, all phone numbers must be local. This includes emergency contacts. Please notify all of your contacts that you are putting their number down.

In mid-September, all emergency contact numbers will be called to ensure that all numbers are correct. During the school year if any information changes (phone numbers, addresses, contacts, medical concerns, etc...), it is your responsibility to notify your child's teacher.

Ice Cream Social

Please plan on attending the ice cream social on Tuesday, August 26, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the new families, the new staff, and to reconnect with each other.

Tuition Reminders

Tuition is due on the first of every month. If it is received after the fifth, a \$25.00 fee will be charged. This year there are two months when tuition will be

due at a different time because of the vacation dates. The January 2009 tuition will be due December 19 (the check will not be cashed until January 1) and the April 2009 tuition will be due March 27.

Toddler Community

Half day	8:30am – 11:30am	\$595.00 per month
All day	8:30am – 3:30pm	\$975.00 per month
Extended day	8:00am – 5:00pm	\$1100.00 per month

Children's House

Half day	8:30am – 11:40am	\$575.00 per month
All day	8:30am – 3:30pm	\$895.00 per month
Extended day	7:00am – 5:45pm	\$1020.00 per month

The late fee for picking up your child after his/her schedule will continue to be \$1.00 per minute.

The charge for pre-approved extended hours will be \$10.00 per hour.

Wednesday Folders

Every other Wednesday, your child (one folder per family) will be bringing home a folder. In this folder there will be important information such as newsletters, tuition receipts, permission slips, etc. Please read the information carefully and return the folder the next day. This folder may also be used for you to return important information back to school.

Lunch

If your child remains at school for lunch, please provide a well-balanced meal in appropriate amounts for your child's appetite. Milk will be provided during the lunch meal. Per state regulations, we cannot warm food in the microwave. If you wish your child to eat a warm meal, please send it in a thermal container (Thermos brand sold at Target works the best). Little Flowers will provide plates, drinking glasses, and utensils for each child.

Nap

If your child will be napping at school, please bring any comfort items such as a small pillow (space is limited), thin blanket, and/or small stuffed animal. Parents may place these items on the shelf above their child's hook. The teachers will then place the children's items on their cot for the week. Nap items will be brought to the child's hook area at the end of the week for home cleaning.

Parent Gathering

Please come to the Parent Gathering on Thursday, September 11 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. This event is for parents only. Appetizers will be provided. It will be held outdoors in the back yard under the pergola. This will be a

great opportunity to build community and get to know other families at Little Flowers Montessori. We are looking forward to it.

Calendar Notes

August 25 – 29 – Staff Workshop Week; no school

August 26 – *New Family Orientation 8:00am – 9:30am* (for all new families as of June 2008)

Ice Cream Social 6:30pm – 7:30pm for all families

August 27 – Phase In for new children only, please refer to the orientation schedule

August 28 – Phase In for new children only, please refer to the orientation schedule

September 1 – No school; September tuition due

September 2 – First day of school; new students please refer to your orientation schedule

September 3 – New students please refer to your orientation schedule

September 4 – New students please refer to your orientation schedule

September 11 – Parent Gathering with appetizers 6:30pm – 8:00pm