

WMS Newsletter

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Transitioning from Montessori to A Traditional School

How as parents and educators can we assist in the transition from a Montessori school to a traditional school? First of all, there are only a few regions in the world that offer a complete preschool through 12th grade Montessori education program. Transitioning is something that the majority of Montessori kids will have to accomplish at some point in their school careers. The good news is, that studies suggest that this change can be approached and managed very successfully. The most recent research project tracked 400 students in Milwaukee. Half of the students received only a public school education from kindergarten to graduation. The other half attended Montessori schools through the 5th grade before transitioning into the public school system. The children with the Montessori education not only outperformed the other students in math and science test scores, but also graduated with higher GPAs. The outcome of the Montessori education had a long-term impact on the

student's academic performance in the public school system.

What are some things that you may have to work with your child while making the transition from a Montessori school to a public or private school system? One of the biggest adjustments is knowing that as a parent you will have to transition to the evaluation process that is being used. Letter grades are given in subject matters and this may not show you the whole picture of your child's abilities. Having good communication with your child's teacher can help ease this transition for you and your child.

The academic transition is only half of the transition. Your child will have to ease into the idea of homework and may need some assistance with tackling this task. One way is to help provide a healthy snack for your child to provide them with the energy that is needed to focus.

The emotional transition is one that

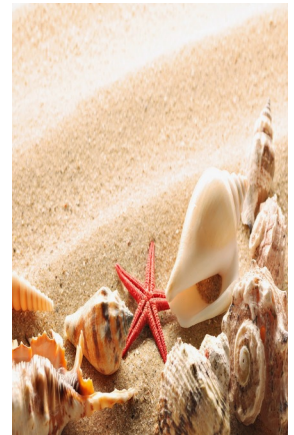
every child will experience. When a child has to leave the familiar classroom or school behind, making new friends, and meeting a new teacher can cause feelings of sadness at any age. Keeping the lines of communication open with your child and encouraging them to invite a new friend over for a play date may help ease the stress of fitting in.

Always keep in mind, that children who are allowed to explore and discover themselves amidst the general freedom of a Montessori environment have powerful tools tucked under their jackets that will assist them when they enter the more rigid structure of traditional school. Many children handle the transition successfully. As a parent, you can do your part by carefully investigating schooling options and selecting the one that is best for your child.

If you would like to view this entire article it can be found at www.blog.montessoriforeveryone.com.



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Infant Class

Parents please make sure that extra clothes are provided for the summer weather.

As always, please feel free to bring in infant/toddler snacks from the wish list.

Please remember that a Dr's note and weekly medical forms MUST be provided for all sunscreen and diaper creams and/or lotions!

Toddler Class

Here are a few classroom reminders for parents: *Summer is coming so remember to change out your child's extra clothes to summer.

Please remember that a Dr's note and weekly medical forms MUST be provided for all sunscreen and diaper creams and/or lotions!

Also, parents, please don't forget about your Parent Contact Hours. We have a list on the wish wall of items our classroom may need. Wish List: , Large Wand and Bubbles, Baby Wipes, Shaving Cream, Paint Brushes, Masking Tape, Disinfecting

Cleaning Wipes. Everything you donate goes directly to your child's class.



Don't forget to check out our wish wall to fulfill your parent contact hours!



"Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create."

-Maria Montessori



Preschool Class

The month of June we will be studying Oceans, crustaceans, and shells, and the continent of Australia. Our outside classroom will extend our love for gardening and nature. We have provided several activities for the children to work with while outside.

We have added many new materials to our practical life area and are asking you to help us keep it stocked. We are always in need of fresh fruits and vegetables for food prep, fresh flowers for arranging and a variety of beans, beads, rocks and rice for scooping, sorting and pouring. In addition, if you would like to contribute to the outside classroom, please feel free to bring in any gardening accessories and plants. You may also check out the wish wall in the lobby for ideas on how to fulfill your parent contact hours.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, the teachers are always available to speak with you.



Please Remember!

Some things to remember for the month of June:

- Please check the wish list in your child's classroom
- Be sure to check the **spare clothing** that is in your child's cubby to be sure that it is appropriate for **changing** weather.
- For your child's **protection** please send them in **closed toe shoes with a back strap**. **This means no flip flops. (The mulch can cause splinters)**
- Children must be fever free and symptom free for 24 hours before they are allowed to come back to school.
- Please feel free to communicate any questions or concerns to the teachers or the director. We will do our best to answer your questions and ease your concern!
- Sunscreen is considered a MED-

ICATION by DHR. This means a Dr's note and weekly med forms must be filled out or it may not be brought to school. This applies to Diaper creams as well.

• Please make sure your child brings a water bottle labeled with their name each day. It is getting hot and we want to stay as hydrated as possible!!

PLEASE CHECK THE CLASSROOM FOR JACKETS