



SMS Newsletter

February–March 2022



Scholastic Book Club Be on the lookout for the digital flyers from Scholastic Book Clubs! We have set up a class account, which means that every order you place earns our class credit towards free books and classroom supplies! Digital flyers will be delivered via email each month. There is no obligation to order.

<https://orders.scholastic.com/YR98G>



Sign In / Sign Out It is a state regulation that all parents must sign their child in and out of our program each day. The sign-in/out book is located on the bookshelf directly in front of the main door.



Snack and Lunch The children will be eating snack together at 10:00 and 3:30. Snacks should be single serve, either in a Ziploc bag, small container, or pre-packaged individual servings.

Examples include goldfish, graham crackers, fruit snacks, applesauce pouches, sliced apple, or a small banana. Children will have their water bottles with them during snack time. Please do not send juice boxes, flavored drinks, cookies, or candy.

Lunch time is 12:00—12:30. Any uneaten food will be packed up and sent back home. Please remember to mark the date on your child's lunch bag every day.



Extra Clothes Please be sure to keep your child's cubby bag stocked with at least 2 sets of extra clothes. Accidents happen!

Help us get your child cleaned up and back to class quickly by ensuring that they have underwear, socks, pants, shirts, and even extra shoes to put on.



Tuition Payments You will receive an invoice via email for monthly tuition payments. You can pay by check or use the QuickBooks link to pay your tuition online.

Invoices are sent to one parent's email address to avoid confusion or accidentally over paying. If you prefer the invoice be sent to a different email address, please let us know and we will make that change.

Tuition is due by the first of the month, unless noted otherwise.



Facebook Help us get the word out that there's a new Montessori program in town! Follow us on Facebook and like, comment, or share our posts to help us get more visibility in the community.

Do you know anyone in the area with same age children? How about a family that has a rising kindergartener? Help us build our community by sharing your experience with others.



Parking Lot Safety Help us keep everyone safe during busy drop-off / pick-up times.

1. Children **MUST** walk with a parent. There is no running in the parking lot. Do not let your child run ahead of you. Hold hands.
2. When entering or exiting the parking lot, go **SLOW**. Assume that there is another family walking to or from their vehicle while you are backing out of your parking space.
3. If you are walking to or from your vehicle, pay attention to the other cars around you. Make eye contact. Teach your child to be alert.



Upcoming Dates

March 25 (Fri): Family Event 10:30 / School closes at 1:00 / Staff Meeting

March 28—April 1: Registration Week for Summer Camps and the 2022-2023 School Year

April 11—18 : Spring Break (School Closed)

April 19: School reopens

April 29: Apple Blossom Festival (School Closed)



Family Event Join us on Friday, March 25, for a fun morning of spring-themed activities and stay for a pizza lunch! Parents are invited and encouraged to participate and younger siblings are also welcome. We will be open at 8:00, so feel free to drop your child off as usual and return at 10:30.

This is a great opportunity to get to know the other families in our school community! We will have activities in the classroom, the coat room, and outside to avoid crowding. Adults must wear masks indoors. Activities will start at 10:30 and pizza will arrive at 12:00. School closes at 1:00 for a staff meeting; all children must be picked up at that time. Mark your calendars!

SCHOOL HOURS

We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Arrival Time (All children)	8:00 – 8:30
Part Day Pick Up	11:45 – 12:00
School Day Pick Up	2:45 – 3:00
Full Day Pick Up	3:00 – 5:00

Late Fee: \$10 for the first 5 minutes late and \$1 per minute thereafter.

If you think you're going to be late, please call!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Weather-related closures may affect scheduled dates. We follow Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) with regards to weather-related closures, delays, and early dismissals.

If FCPS is closed due to inclement weather, SMS will be closed.

If FCPS opens 1 or 2 hours late, SMS will open at 9:00 or 10:00am.

If FCPS closes early, SMS will close at 1:00pm.

If FCPS cancels after school activities, SMS will close at 3:00pm.

Closures and weather-related changes to our schedule will be posted on our Facebook page.