

Agape Montessori School

2019-2020 School Year

We are excited as we begin our new school-year at Agape Montessori School on Monday, August 19, 2019. We want to express our sincere thanks to you for sharing your child with us. We are planning a fun and exciting year of learning. We encourage you to share any thoughts, issues, habits, etc., concerning your child that will make the year more pleasurable and successful.

First Weeks of School

The first two weeks of school will consist of orientation and introduction to the classroom and equipment. This time will give the students the opportunity to get to know the teachers and several new friends; as well as learn more about the classroom. It is helpful if you promptly drop off your child before 8:30, say your "goodbyes" and leave the classroom. You are always welcome to observe your child during class time. However, the first weeks of school can be very dramatic for new students. By showing your child that you are leaving and then returning later, your child will realize there is nothing to fear and that Mom and Dad will always return.

Holidays/Snow Days

Full tuition is due whether your child is in attendance or not. Holidays that we are closed will be posted on the front door, as well as our Facebook site. We do not follow the Olathe School District schedule for snow days. Instead we follow the direction of State & Local Authorities. In the case of a closure due to snow, we will put the information on our Facebook page and Website.

All year-round clients are eligible for a vacation after nine months of service. This vacation is based on your child's program and must be used as consecutive days. Your director will contact you when you are eligible to see when you wish to use it.

Please see the attached calendar for Holiday/In-Service/Event days the school will observe during the 2019-2020 school year.

Activities Fee – Children's House (3-6yrs) ONLY

All Children's House students are subject to an activities fee of \$50. This fee will cover the cost of all field trips, Scholastic Weekly Readers, a journal, the online portfolio, and a new Agape t-shirt, sports bottle & draw-string bag. This fee must be paid before the school year begins.

Back to School Night – Twos and Children's House ONLY

We are hosting an open house on Thursday, August 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m. to allow your child and family the opportunity to meet the teachers. At 7:00 p.m., all teachers will host a short meeting in your child's classroom to go over some specific information. You are welcome to bring your child's school supplies at this time and pay the activities fee to receive your child's t-shirt. We hope to see you there!

Class Hours

- Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- School Day 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Full Day 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Toothbrushes

If your child stays for lunch, you will need to send a **child-size** toothbrush for your child. No electric toothbrushes please. The State of Kansas now recommends that we do not use toothpaste while at school. This has become a problem with too many children swallowing the toothpaste and having too much fluoride in their system. So, we will no longer be asking for toothpaste.

Dress Code

Please remember that all students must wear close-toed shoes. Girls must wear bloomers or shorts under a dress. Hats may be worn at recess only.

Water Bottles

In order to cut down on spreading germs, we ask that each day you send a water bottle for your child. This can be a plastic bottle of water that can be disposed of each day or you can send a reusable covered cup that will be sent home each day to be washed and sanitized. Students will keep their water bottles in a designated area of the classroom and can access them at any time during the day. Please be sure to write your child's name on his/her bottle.

Snack Schedule

Each student is assigned one snack day per month. A monthly snack calendar will be sent to you via email each month. We ask that your child bring 2 items from different food groups listed on the approved snack list for the following number of children to enjoy:

- Cottonwood – 7 children
- Honeybee – 20 children
- Meadowlark – 20 children

Due to a change in State Regulations, we will no longer be serving Popcorn for snack.

Please write your child's name on the package of the snack that you bring. Drop off your child's snack at the kitchen window or front desk. We will send home any snack that contains traces of nuts or tree nuts. **Snack Brands to Avoid: Snyder Pretzels, Market Pantry, Great Value, SAVE, Best Choice, Stauffer's Animal Crackers. PLEASE READ THE LABEL!!!!**

School Supply List

Attached is a list of supplies, specific to your child's age group, you will need to bring by the first day of school, August 19th. All child cubby supplies (pencil box, markers, colored pencils, etc.) should have the child's name written on it. When you drop off your supplies, please make sure the person who receives the supplies marks your name off the list.

School Policy Handbook

New policy handbooks are located at the front desk. Please request a new policy handbook if you have not received one in the last year. You may also request an electronic handbook via email.

Breakfast

A breakfast snack is served from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. During this time cold cereal, juice and milk will be served for children enrolled in a full time or extended care program. Children are welcome to bring breakfast from home, but it must be eaten by 8:00 a.m. Please do not bring any outside food into school after 8:00 a.m. Your child will receive snack during morning session. Please also remember that we are a **NUT FREE** environment and outside food should not contain nut products.

Monthly Receipts

Many families request monthly receipts for employer childcare reimbursement. If you are interested in monthly receipts, you will have access to those through your Parent Portal application. If you have not set up your parent portal account, please let me know and I will send you an email with directions to set it up.

We look forward to working with your child during this school year. We have many exciting learning activities planned. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,
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