



“Montessori at Home” April 2020 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

I hope everyone is faring well with the balancing act of working, parenting and teaching your children at home full time! Not to mention keeping up with the changing rules and policies within your communities. I hope the Sunrise teachers have helped ease some of your stress at home by providing the daily videos, lessons and activities for your child’s “Montessori at Home” experience. I have received positive feedback from many families and I personally look forward to every Friday as I post the “Montessori at Home” student photos and videos each week. Several families mentioned that they do not participate in social media or Facebook. However, you do not need to join our Sunrise Facebook page or have a Facebook account to take advantage of the daily posts. Just click on the link to watch anytime <https://www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori/>.

Thoughts for the End of Year “Montessori at Home” style

Some families have asked about closure in June. I have a few ideas floating around regarding the end of the year and how to make this happen. I want to embrace each family in a special way and acknowledge our Kindergarten student, Mason Boday and his family. I encourage parent feedback as many people have different ideas! Please reach out to me, or your Parent Representatives - Kathi Shah and Sara Allegretti. Once I have discussed and reviewed these ideas and suggestions with the teachers, I will update everyone.

2020-2021 Enrollment Payment Schedule Changes

For families that are reenrolled for next year, please note that Sunrise has delayed the Place Holding Deposit due date from May 1st to July 1st (remember that the place holding deposit is your first installment of your tuition agreement).

Also, tuition installments will now be extended from August to May to allow for an easier payment schedule. The invoicing procedure is the same - invoices are sent out around the 15th of each month and payments are due by the 1st of the next month. For the families that have already paid their place holding deposit, you will receive an invoice/statement in mid-June stating that you have already paid this \$500 deposit!

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Other Upcoming News, Fundraisers & Events

Fundraising Continues

Yes, this activity still exists as some fundraisers were already planned months in advance. I wanted to make everyone aware of a couple programs that are still in motion.

Box Tops update – Sunrise received \$23.70 this past collection

Stop & Shop Community Bag Program for the month of May

Sunrise has been chosen for this fundraising event for the month of May. This is the same as the Big Y fundraiser our school was chosen for in December. For any purchases of a \$2.50 community bag at the 40 Franklin Village Drive location, Sunrise will receive \$1.00 back! I understand that most people are using plastic at the stores currently but just wanted to let everyone know that the fundraiser is still taking place.

Silent Auction Donation items

As you know, our biggest fundraising event, the Family Fun Spring Fair was cancelled, but there are several items that were previously donated to the school either by current families or from local or out of state businesses. My goal is to hold an online auction event in June for families to participate in. I recognize that there may be changes to the operations of these businesses, and I am looking into the possibility of furthering the expiration dates on the certificates for families to take advantage of these donations.

Sunrise received the following donations:

- Providence Children's Museum – 4 Passes expires 12/2021
- Pure barre one month unlimited
- MapleGate Country Club – 4 Guest Passes 18 Holes
- Franklin Car Wash – 5 Exterior Washes
- Boston Duck Tours – 2 Passes expires 11/2020
- New England Aquarium – 2 Passes expires 12/2020
- Edaville Family Theme Park – 2 Admissions expires 1/2021
- York's Wild Kingdom – 2 Admissions no expiration
- Southwick's Zoo – 2 Admissions expires 10/2020
- Tinkergarten – 1 Season of classes expires 5/2021

Thank you to all families for your wonderful support during these unusual times. The Sunrise Board of Directors has been meeting frequently via teleconference to discuss updates from the State and Federal governments as we guide our school.

Please feel free to contact me via email or leave a message on the school's answering machine. I will reply promptly.

Sincerely,

Andrea Rossick