



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Beginning Our 2023 - 24 Year at Pathway

We wish to send out a warm welcome to you all during this 2023 - 24 school year! We are happy to see our returning children again and we welcome the new children and families who are joining us. September is mostly devoted to getting acquainted, grace and courtesy lessons and learning the rules and routines of the classroom. While exploring their new environment, the new children will be learning the basics like putting their activities away, pushing in their chairs and practicing doing their own shoes, as well as being introduced to the Montessori materials.

Policies Etc.

We hope you all had a chance to review our revised Parent Handbook and Guidance Policy. Please sign and return the Guidance Policy that was emailed out over the summer. With flu season around the corner please be reminded to be diligent in monitoring the health of your child and keep them home if they are sick. Also, please bring your child all the way to the door when dropping off and picking up so children are not navigating the stairs on their own. At times, we arrange to have younger siblings come as part of their gradu-

al entry to join us with their parent in the playground. We ask parents not to allow unregistered children into the playground without prior arrangement.

Truth and Reconciliation Day

During the last week of Sept everyone is welcome to wear orange shirts in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will use this opportunity to teach children about indigenous culture and will be using materials from a Mother Earth resource bin.

Sound Basket this Month

Children love to share. One way that they can do this is to bring an item to school that starts with the sound of the week. These items will help introduce and reinforce the phonetic sounds of the letters. The item is placed in the sound basket, and when it is circle time, we look at all the items that start with

that sound of the week. Children love bringing something, so please take some time to find a small item or object and place the item with their name on it. **We will begin the sound basket in October and children will be able to show their sound basket items on Thursdays and Fridays each week.**



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Dates this Month

- Sep 1** Teacher set up day
- Sep 5** Regular hours for returning children including children who attended our summer program.
- Sep 6-8** Gradual Entry for new children
- Oct 2** Truth and Reconciliation Day (center closed)
- Oct 4** Class & Individual photos

Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this month!

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REMINDERS:

Shoes for Classroom

Please bring a pair of indoor shoes, that are easy for your child to manage on their own and labeled with their name to be kept at school.

Sign-in Sheets/ Changes to Info and Immunization

Please let us know of any changes to contact info, pick up authorizations or immunization status to be added to your file. In an emergency, you may telephone the center with instructions to release your child to another individual. ID will be checked. Teachers will sign you in and out on the sign in sheet each day.

Snacks and Lunch Bunch

Please bring your child's snack in a container as well as a separate lunch both labelled with their name. Send foods that emphasize good nutrition and please do not send juice. We do not have children with food allergies but we will let everyone know if we need to implement food restrictions if things change.

Water

Please send your child with their own water bottle (please label). We have a Brita filtered jug to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Special Classroom Number for Parents

You may call or text our parent line that connects directly with the classroom. The number is (778) 872-8537 and may be used to let us know when you will be away or late for pick up or to communicate with the teachers.

Class & Individual Photos

Peggy Wynne Photography will be at Pathway on Oct 4, 2023. Peggy will take a group photo as well as individual shots. Everyone will receive a photo preview and will have the option to purchase various packages or a disc.

New Beginnings / Thank You

New Children /First Days

The Teachers will be there to guide your child in putting away their things and introducing them to their new environment. Teachers will use their discretion but as much as possible we ask that parents strive to say goodbye at the door and not enter the coat room. If your child experiences separation anxiety our experience is that prolonged goodbyes make the situation escalate. The Teachers have many years of experience with this. You are welcome to text the school number (778) 872-8537 to check on your child; we will call you if your child does not appear to be settling in.

Returning Children

Please say good-bye to your child at the door so they can get re-acquainted to their own cubbie routines. In a Montessori environment we encourage the children to exercise their independence; to help themselves and each other; which makes cubbie time an important part of their daily experience. Not only does it get crowded and interfere with the children's routines, but it can further upset children who experience separation anxiety to see other parents with their children in this area.



"So here begins the new path, wherein it will not be the teacher who teaches the child, but the child who teaches the teacher." - Maria Montessori