WELCOME TO
STERLING MONTESSORI
RISING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

WHAT IS MONTESSORI

Developmental approach to **education**

Prepared environments based on three-year age groups

- **Children House**: 3-6 year olds
- **Lower Elementary**: 1st – 3rd grades
- **Upper Elementary**: 4th – 6th grades
- **Middle school**: 7th and 8th grade

WHY MIXED AGE GROUPS?

Children **learn** from each other

Younger children benefit from the **positive role-modeling** of older children

Older children have the opportunity to **reinforce their knowledge** by sharing it younger children

Real World – they learn to get along with children of different ages and abilities and to treat others with kindness and respect.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE PROGRAM

8 **Classrooms**

25 Students per classroom: **8** three-year olds; **8** four year olds; and **9** Kindergarteners

1 **Lead** Montessori Teacher and 1 **Assistant**

Monday – Friday: **8:25am to 3:15pm**

CLASS SCHEDULE

8:25 – 8:45 am	Drop Off at Patio Doors
8:45 – 11:15 am	Morning Work Cycle
11:15 – 11:30 am	Group Time
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Playground Time
12:30 – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Nap
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Afternoon Work Cycle
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Dismissal
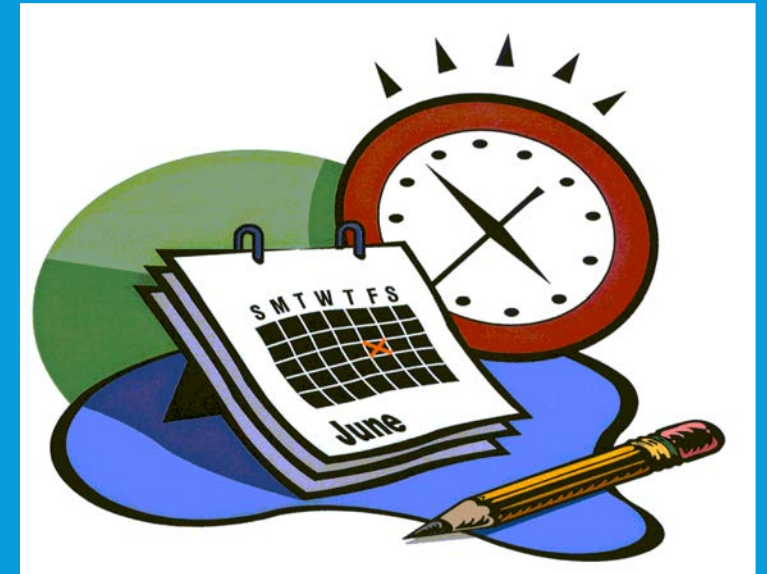
BEFORE CARE/AFTER CARE

Before Care is available from **7:00 – 8:25am** for additional fees

After Care is available from **3:30 – 6:00pm** for additional fees

Teachers will be a **separate staff** and in three of the **"A" building** classrooms

A **snack** is provided, along with playground time, crafts, manipulative/play and games

THE CURRICULUM

THE CURRICULUM: PRACTICAL LIFE

Fosters:

❑ **Independence** and **self-reliance** (thus self-esteem, self-confidence, citizenship, respect)

❑ **Coordination** & **Concentrations** (hand-strength, stamina)

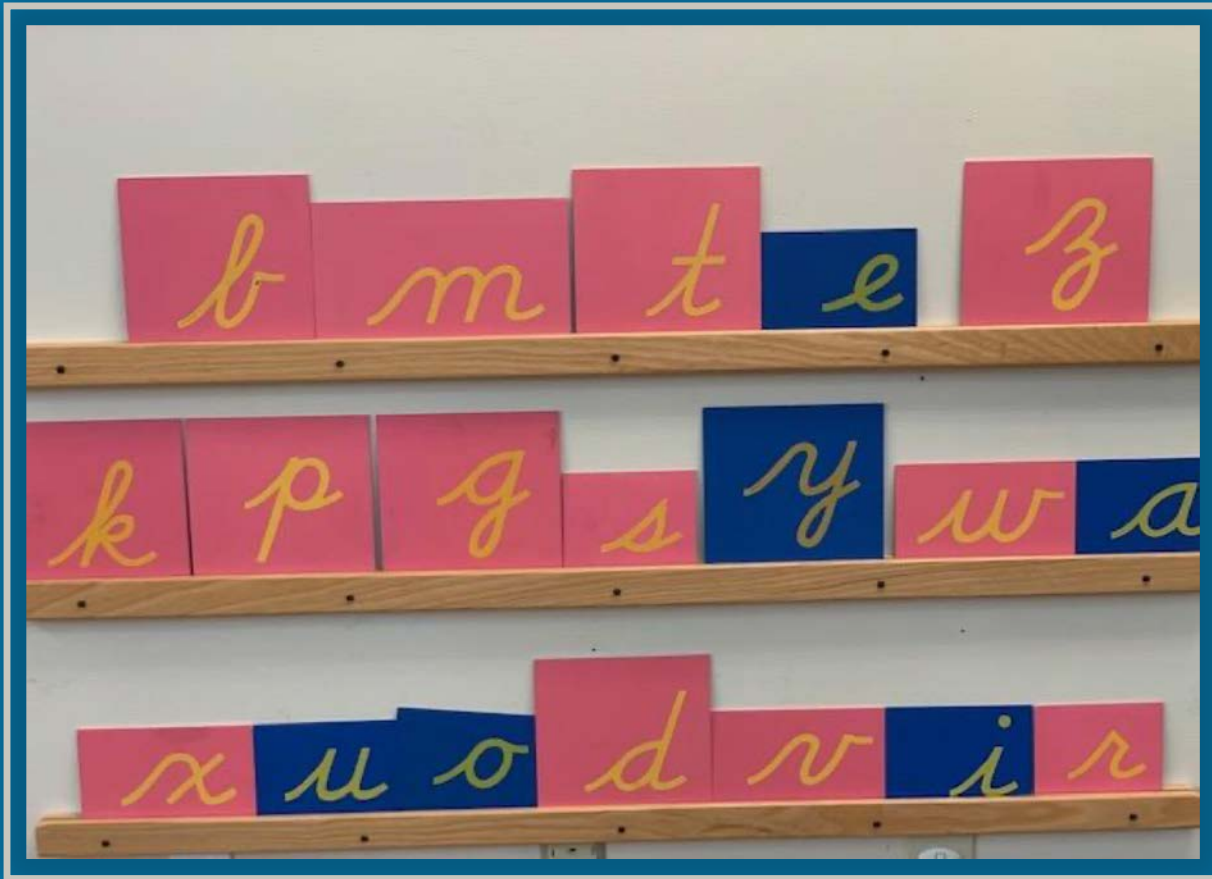❑ **Order** (sequential memory, attention to details, precision...)

THE CURRICULUM: SENSORIAL

Fosters:

- ❑ **Attention** to details

- ❑ Builds "**touchstones**" in the brain

- ❑ Creates a lasting concrete **sensory impression** of concepts of size, shape, color...

- ❑ Teaches **comparing**, **contrasting** and **classification**

THE CURRICULUM: LANGUAGE VOCABULARY & READING

- ❑ **Rich spoken communication** modeled and expected by the teachers
- ❑ **Reading** instructed at an individualized pace, phonetically first (letter <u>sounds</u> before letter <u>names</u>), then incorporating sight words and other challenging concepts
- ❑ **Language Arts** lessons introduce grammar concepts through concrete materials

THE CURRICULUM: WRITING

- ❑ **Writing** process introduced through concrete materials that allow for self-correction
- ❑ **Cursive** is also taught

THE CURRICULUM: MATH

- ❑ **Number** concepts/numerals
- ❑ **Quantities**
- ❑ **Counting**
- ❑ Introduction to the **decimal** system
- ❑ Mathematical **operations**
- ❑ **Geometry** nomenclature
- ❑ Mathematical **vocabulary**
- ❑ Sensorial Introduction to **Advanced Mathematical Concepts** (squaring, cubing, etc.)

THE CURRICULUM: GEOGRAPHY

THE CURRICULUM: SCIENCE

GRACE & COURTSEY

Virtues → Characters → Discipline

How to get along with a variety of people

How to resolve conflicts productively

How to be a Global Citizen

CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION

❑ Summer "**Welcome Back**" email mid-July with placement information

❑"Stay informed" with **emails**

❑ Classroom **Parent Education** Nights

❑"**Come See Me Work**"

SCHOOL WIDE COMMUNICATION

- ❏ Weekly **Friday Messages from School**
- ❏ School-wide **Emails**
- ❏ **Parent Education** Opportunities

DATES TO REMEMBER

July	August 14	August/September	September	October
• Summer Letter: Class Placement	• Open House	• New Parent Information Night	• Montessori Curriculum Parent Education Night	• "Come See My Work"

November	January	March	April	June
• Conferences	• Progress Reports	• Conferences	• "Come See My Work"	• Progress Reports

ATTENDANCE

Students **must** be present for the first week of school

Attendance is **taken** for all students by **8:45am**

After 8:40am **late slips** can be picked up in the front office and then escort student to class via patio door

Email attendance line and classroom **teacher** when you're your child misses school

No more than 10 **unexcused** absences allowed (please see the Parent Handbook))

HOW TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Education is more than letters and numbers   !
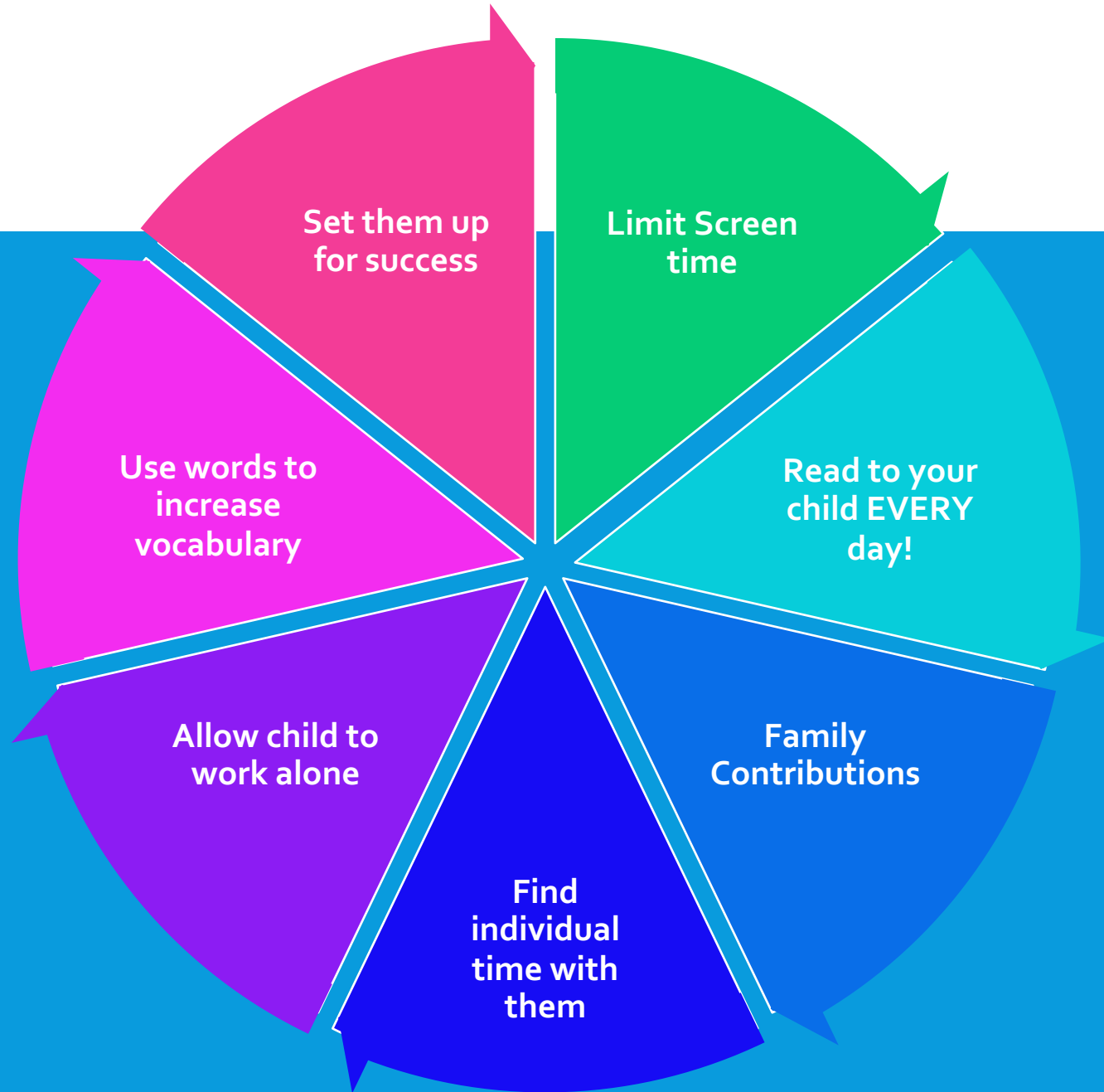
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Summer Rays: Children's House

REGISTER!

YOUR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS