

## Everything you need to know about openings and enrollment at Oakhaven Montessori School.

We welcome developmentally ready, independent children to come on their own starting at age 2 1/2. Potty training is not necessary. All ages are encouraged to work up to attending 5 days per week for repetition with the materials, the continuity of the curriculum and the cohesion of the community.

To qualify for our extended day program children up to 4 years of age must show us they are ready to be independent around the pool before being enrolled.

We are unable to accommodate children with nut allergies.

### Minimum Required Days Per Week of Attendance:

Age 2.5: Two or more half days.\* See below for readiness behaviors.

Age 3: Three or more half days.

Age 3.5 Three or more full days.

Age 4 Four or more full days

Pre Kindergardeners: We recommend 4 - 5 full, 9:00 - 2:30, days per week to get the lessons necessary to succeed in kindergarden. Minimum required: four full days per week.

Half Days are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or

1:30 - 5:30 pm (after care only for kindergardeners)

Full Days are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Extended Days are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Openings are filled with preference given to continuing year round students and siblings followed by school year students. The remainder are filled on a first come first served basis in conjunction with the openings available and the schedule needs of the incoming child. Preferred days cannot be guaranteed. Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday combos are not available.

Enrollment Procedure. Come visit first without your child. If you like what you see, bring your child and spouse within one week to make sure we are a match. A non refundable \$50 enrollment fee holds you child's space. Once your enrollment fee is paid you will receive your enrollment packet and the guidelines for new student visits. You have one week to fill out your packet, return it and set up your child's

visits. If you do not return the packet and schedule your child's visits within a week you will lose your child's space.

When enrolling in the spring for summer or fall placement children are required to complete student visits before final enrollment. This gives us both time to be sure we are a match and acclimate your child to daily life here at Oakhaven. Visits for children new to preschool are scheduled on the same day once per week for a month. Parents/Care givers stay less and less until your child is ready to be here on their own. Children who are accustomed to child care or preschool can move through their visits more quickly. You can find a pdf of the visit guidelines on the parent page under forms and information: New Student Visits

When accepting mid year enrollments we here at the school must consider the blend of children's personalities and ages to ensure that the transition for your child as well as the other children in the community is as smooth as possible. To that end we require a 30 day introductory period for all mid-year enrollments. During that time we will work closely with your child to help them feel welcome and learn how to be in our community. At the end of the 30 day period a parent teacher conference will be scheduled to determine if enrollment will continue on a permanent basis.

\*What we need to see from your child to enroll them:

At their first visit we need to see these behaviors:

Impulse control

    leave animals alone when asked

    no grabbing

Follows directions

Come when called

Make eye contact

Take teacher's hand

No screaming and/or screeching

Children best benefit from our program when enrolled for two or more years and a two year commitment is required for enrollment.