

Oakhaven Montessori School

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Mommy/Daddy and Me! New Student Visits

Welcome! Your child's visits are an important part of helping them transition into our community. They and you will have an opportunity to become familiar with the various parts of our day, what we do and how we do it. If your child is in the process of being toilet trained you will be able to come and get acclimated while your child makes friends with the toilet.

What to expect on Visit One:

Please come at 9:15 and stay until 10:30. Set the timer.
If it is hot we might be outside. If not we will be inside.
Your child may do jobs in these areas:
garden room
books
practical life, art and sensorial shelves by the kitchens.

Tulum will show your child an activity and back off.
Stay close to your child. If your child shows reluctance to join in or try an activity, you do it. Encourage your child to repeat the activity at least once. Children learn through repetition and repeating a job helps ground them in our environment.

Guide your child to put their work away and get something else out.

Snack will be at 9:45 ish followed by outside time. Please stay close and supervise your child.

Please leave promptly at 10:30 even if your child is doing well and wants to say longer. Carry them out if you get any resistance.

Official Visit Schedule: One to two days per week. Schedule with Tulum.*

Time spent here per day will increase as your child is ready.

Here is the schedule for the final month before being enrolled.

You child's enrollment packet must be completed and returned before your child's first stay on their own in week 3

week 1: 1 hour/week with parent

week 2: 1 1/2 hour/week with parent

week 3: 2 hours/week: parent runs errand for 1 hour

week 4: 3 hours/week: parent stays less each time

* Children accustomed to preschool or child care may complete their visits on an accelerated schedule.

Things to remember: Stay close to the floor/ground. Your child will calm and settle as you do. If your child shows reluctance to join in or try an activity, you do it. Protect all the children's concentration by waiting until they are finished with an activity to speak to them, unless they engage you first. By your second or third visit become busy with your own work/book. Send in their gear as needed by your visits (see things to bring).

Prep your child ahead of time to your leaving them here and how your exit will look, one hug, one kiss, and you will return at ___o'clock to pick them up.

Fees:

First 2 no charge. There after \$15 per hour. You keep track of the time spent here and pay every other week.

These fees are due until your child comes for their contracted days and fees.

Looking forward to your visits!