



STERLING
MONTESSORI

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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

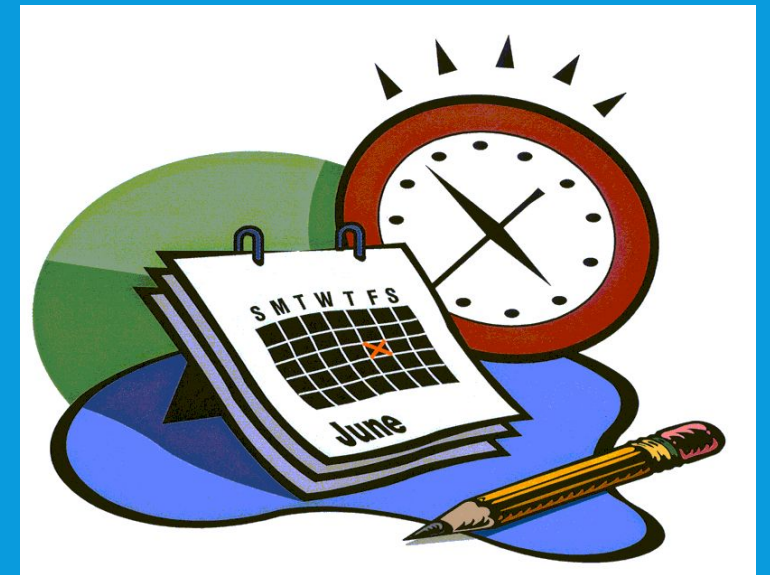
11:30 – 12:30 pm Playground Time

12:30 – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 pm Rest Time

2:00 – 3:15 pm Afternoon Work Cycle

3:15 – 3:30 pm Dismissal



BEFORE CARE/AFTER CARE

Before Care is available from **7:30 – 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...)

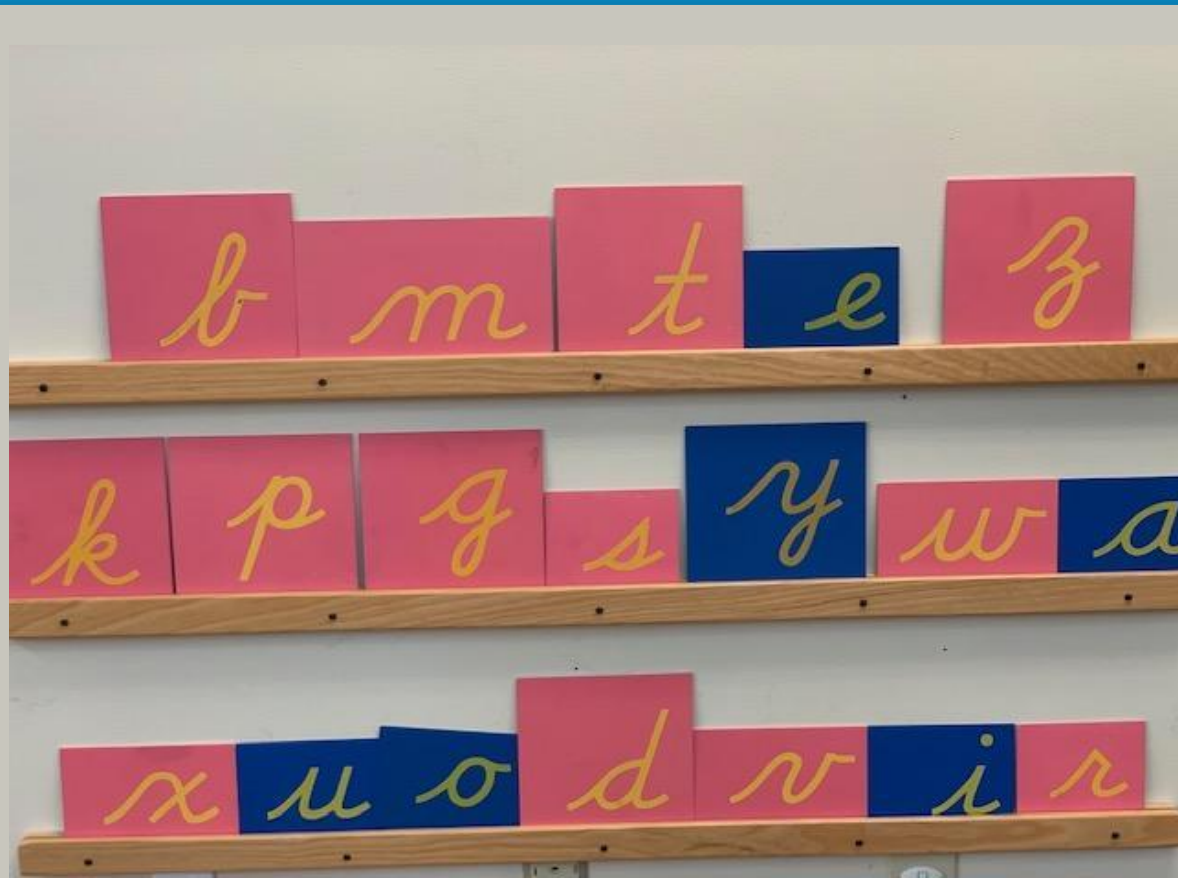
THE CURRICULUM: SENSORIAL

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 sounds before letter names), 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 & COURTESY

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
- Newsletter
- “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

- Summer Letter: Class Placement

August 13

- Open House

August/ September

- New Parent Information Night

September

- Montessori Curriculum Parent Education Night

October

- "Come See My Work"

November

- Conferences

January

- Progress Reports

March

- Conferences

April

- "Come See My Work"

June

- Progress Reports

ATTENDANCE



Students must be present for the first week of school

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

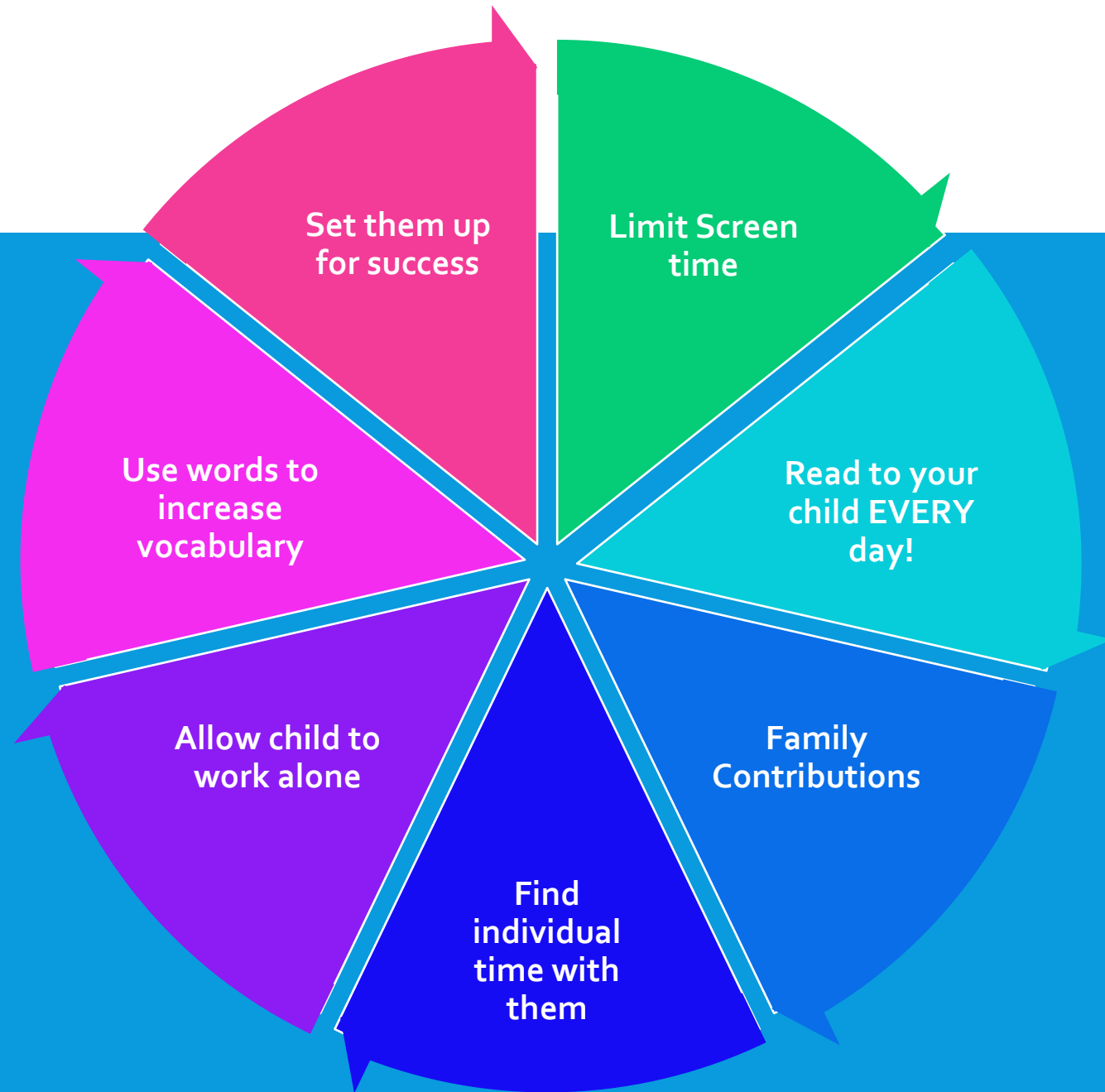
After 8:45am **late slips** can be picked up in the front office and then escort student to class via patio door

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 😊 !



Paperwork DUE

**Make sure all paperwork
is turned in!**



Camp Stingray

Summer Rays: Children's House



REGISTER!

YOUR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS