

MSK - Tardiness/Late Arrivals (IMPORTANT)

Montessori School in Kleinburg thrives to provide the very best for all students. Keeping that in mind, parents are highly advised to follow all MSK policies and procedures and encourage everyone around them to do the same. In order to gain the most out of their experience at MSK, all students are **expected to be punctual arriving to school**. Classrooms are open at 8 a.m. and students are expected to be in the classroom **no later than 8:30 a.m.** If a student arrives after 8:30 a.m., they will be considered tardy. For safety reasons and accountability, a parent/guardian will have to accompany the tardy child into the main office and wait for the Teacher to receive the student. The student's teacher and the school administration will monitor late arrivals. A child may be expelled from the school for consecutive tardiness.

Arriving late to school negatively affect the students' entire day as well as the whole school community. The Late Drop-off/Tardiness Policy was developed to emphasize the importance of each student being present in the classroom for the entire teaching period, as well as arriving on time to school every day. Learning the responsibility of arriving to school on time is an integral part of MSK's Standard of Excellence, which prepares students for lifelong success. Instructional time is viewed as a precious resource at MSK. Consequently, we view chronic tardiness as a serious hindrance in your child's academic success.

When children arrive late to school, it can be disruptive not only to their own learning but to the whole school community (administration, teachers and other students). Tardiness is unacceptable at MSK because:

- Tardiness reduces the instructional time of the student who is late.
- A student's tardiness interrupts the class he or she is coming into, resulting in a loss of instructional quality and time for all students.
- The late student does not have the opportunity to be properly welcomed by the teachers or their classmates.
- Students late to class frequently are noisy in the halls and disturb surrounding classrooms.
- Students late to class cause additional paperwork for teachers and the administration office.
- Punctuality is a practice valued by business and society; students should be trained in this practice while in school.

It is also important to know that when the teacher has to leave their classroom to greet the tardy student, this causes the classroom to be under ratio. This is not acceptable.

Moreover students are missing important classroom routines that help them settle into the classroom every morning.

Casa and Toddler latecomers are missing: morning routines, singing the National Anthem, reciting the school/class pledge, reciting the Aboriginal acknowledgement, learning about the Calendar and weather updates, the Seasons and discussing the day's events and special instructions and more.

In Elementary, a late student is missing: morning routines, singing the National Anthem, reciting the school/class pledge, reciting the Aboriginal acknowledgement, setting up the workday, read-aloud, imperative classroom discussions or special instructions, lessons, tests and more.

We understand the occasional tardy arrival due to inclement weather, a doctor appointment or an unforeseen emergency, however, students arriving late because of traffic or not waking up early will not be tolerated. We also understand that children do not drive themselves to school. Parents must make school punctuality a priority.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students make the maximum use of their class time and learn to be punctual.