



New Parent MSK Orientation-



MSK Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

I would like to give thanks for land that MSK sits on.

Thank you to the Haudenosaunee (ho-dee-no-SHOW-nee), Anishinaabe (a-nish-i-NAA-bay) and the Mississaugas of the Credit people for taking care of this land and sharing it with us.



Today's Agenda

- Teacher Introductions
- Daily Schedule/routine- varies between classrooms
- Meetings/interviews/workshops
- snacks, lunch, recess
- quick snapshot of a day
- extra curriculars



Teacher Introduction

Mrs. Lidia Beros- Upper Elementary/Intermediate Teacher; Head of Elementary Department

Mrs. Sharmila Cappa- Elementary A Teacher

Ms. Pamela Leudke and Mrs. Lisa Fida- Elementary B Teachers

French Teacher: Mrs. Mina Giordano

Music Teacher: Ms. Amanda Orlando



Morning and Afternoon Procedures

-Please drop off your child between 8:00-8:25. 8:10 is an ideal time as it will give your child time to hand in any work, set up their day and prepare for the day. MSK is a Kiss-and-Ride program so a staff member will escort your child to and from the building.

- End of day- weather permitting we will be dismissing outside. Please pick up your child between 3:30-3:50.

- Inclement weather, dismissal is from the Vestibule.



Lunch and Recess

Lunch is from 11:30 am- 12:00pm. Students bring their own lunch. ALL LUNCHESES MUST BE PEANUT/NUT FREE. There are no microwaves or fridges for student use in the classroom. There's an option for Pizza lunch every two weeks (paid cost) or hot lunch (paid cost) on various days of the week.

Snack is available twice a day- once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Snack is provided by the parents. Healthy snacks only.

Water bottles are to be brought daily and can be refilled in the classroom throughout the day.



General Classroom Routine

- One of our main priorities is the health and safety of the staff and students
- Tables and chairs are cleaned and disinfected after lunch & at the end of the day.
- Trying to bring normalcy back into the classroom
- Tables will be placed together in groups
- Carpet and materials all brought back into the classroom for the students
- Small group work is permitted
- Each classroom will have their own set of bathrooms



Platforms being Used

This year the following learning platforms will be used:

-REMIND- for daily important updates- parents' responsibility to download onto mobile device and login

-Google Classroom (GC)- all students need to set up for this in case your child is absent for a long period of time- you will be given login information about this. This will be used primarily if there is another lockdown mandate.

-Zoom- as required for meetings

Parent Portal Password: Parents2223!!



Course work and Specialty classes

- We offer a **Blended Program** following the Ontario Curriculum, complemented by the Montessori curriculum and philosophy of education
- **Curriculum areas:** Mathematics/Geometry; Language: Oral Communication, Grammar, Reading/Novel Studies, Writing, Media Literacy; Social Studies (grades 1-6); History and Geography (grades 1-8); Botany/Zoology (grades 1-6); Science and Technology
- Arts: music (weekly) , visual arts, drama/dance- biweekly
- Gym/Health- once a week
- French will be provided throughout the school year- three times per week
- Italian once a week



Overview of Lower Elementary Program

- Mixed aged classroom from 6-10 years old
- Second Plane of Development: characterized by children's endless curiosity and passion for hands-on exploratory learning
- Individual and small group presentations are given by teachers
- Begin to move from concrete learning toward abstract understanding
- Inspires students to become independent learners and to become increasingly responsible for their own learning
- Students are grouped according to ability, not necessarily their grade level
- Blended Program so workbooks will be used, in addition to the Montessori materials.

Overview of Upper Elementary/Intermediate Program

In grades 1-6, the students continue to work with all the Montessori materials. The Intermediate students will still have ample opportunities to learn through hands-on activities. It is a blended program so workbooks and textbooks will also be used. Students are grouped according to their abilities and not necessarily their grade level. Books will be given according to level. New students will be assessed to be placed in the proper level.

More details about the curriculum and programming will be discussed during our Curriculum Night in September.



Time Management

- Time management is an important focus in the Elementary program.
- It is very important that students arrive **before 8:30 a.m. each day** so that they are prepared for their day and can maximize their time in class.
- Students learn how to plan & organize their day to be able to complete all work expectations for that day/week.
- If work is not completed in a timely manner, it may be sent home to complete as homework. Due dates for assignments must be respected.
- All forms sent to parents **must** be submitted by the due date stated on the document. Late submissions will not be accepted.



Overview of French and Italian (Grades 1-8)

- All levels will have ample opportunity to express ideas and opinions on a variety of familiar topics.
- Students will prepare and give a brief oral presentation on familiar topics.
- Contribute to classroom routine, activities and group discussions.
- Emphasis on oral communication through music, plays and classroom activities in order to build confidence and ease in using french to communicate.
- Booklets will be used from grades 1-3.
- Grades 4-8 are Blended Programs. Therefore, workbooks will be used.



Meetings/Interviews/Workshops

Any communication can be done via:

-email

-phone- 905-893-0560

-Zoom meeting

-Remind