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## Parent Handbook

### **Welcome to the Light & Truth Montessori**

Thank you for choosing Light & Truth Montessori as your child's educational experience. Our goal is to partner with you in shaping and developing your child's exposure to the wonders of our world through the Montessori experience and through the lens of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite you to read this parent handbook where you will find guidelines and school procedures that will help create a smooth interface into your child's experience here. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the education of your child.

## **Preparing to come**

### **Complete the application packet:**

- Application form: Please complete the application form.
- Commitment Fee: \$75 (\$50 goes toward tuition and \$25 to purchase Seeing your child the Montessori Way)
- Enrollment agreement
- Release Form
- Medical and Emergency Release Form
- Change of Clothes including: Shirt, pants, socks, and underwear

### **School Policies:**

#### **No Long-Term Contract:**

Many other schools require a long-term contract for the school year. There can be huge penalties for withdrawing early and stopping payment to them. This doesn't make sense to us, especially since most schools don't provide anything close to our authentic Montessori experience. As a monthly participant, you can cancel at any time with no penalties. So if you have been burned in the past, not only do you have a free 30-day trial with Light & Truth Montessori, you can invest month by month. Come experience the difference we offer. We believe that as your children attend and embrace the authentic Montessori education through the lens of the Restored Gospel, they will become more self-reliant, more interested and interactive in the world around them, more creative and innovative, and able to fulfill their unique mission and purpose on this earth. We are confident that no other provider will have as high of a retention rate year in, year out.

#### **Required Parent Montessori Education:**

We strongly encourage even require all our parents to become better educated in Montessori so they can apply the true principles in their lives and with their children. We take \$25 of the commitment fee and apply it to enroll each set of parents in the best Online module based Montessori parent training. The course you will be enrolled in is very engaging, interesting, and flexible so you can complete it on your own schedule and at your own pace. The course "Seeing Your Child the Montessori Way" is taught by Maren Schmidt a leading Montessorian.

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# **Teaching the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ**

## **Lens of the Restored Gospel**

Just as there are natural and normal opportunities to teach gospel principles in the home, the properly prepared environment of Montessori also opens up a host of like opportunities. The children are learning truths about a variety of topics and disciplines every day. As these natural opportunities arise, we will use the saving truths of the Restored Gospel as a structure and context to teach the other truths they are learning.

## **Treasuring up the word**

The revelations of the restoration will be freely available to all students in the class to reference and for teachers to use when appropriate.

## **Weekly devotional**

There will be a brief weekly devotional directly focusing on the saving truths of the gospel and will be taught by one of the owners, administrators, or teachers

## **Commitment Fee:**

There is a required non-refundable commitment fee to secure your child's spot in the classroom for the time frames below; we will keep a waiting list of people who are waiting for a spot to open up in a particular session; this will enable us to see who of our current parents are committed for the upcoming period and if there will be any available spots for those on the waiting list.

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- Summer Program: \$50
  - Fall/Winter (September – May) \$75

## **Tuition:**

Tuition is due on the first school day of each month. A \$25 fee will apply for bounced checks.

## **Vacations:**

Family vacations are wonderful and school shouldn't get in the way of them. We know that many schools will charge full tuition regardless if you have an extended vacation in a specific month. We feel differently; if you have a vacation that is two full weeks or more, we will only charge you half tuition for that month. Please notify your child's teacher in advance and let us know the dates he will be away.

**Website/Blog:**

For information about the school, curriculum, updates, parent involvement, helpful hints, pictures, videos, events, announcements and tidbits on Montessori education, please refer to our website

**Drop Off/Pick up Routine****Fall/Winter**

Morning sessions: 9:00-12:00

Afternoon sessions: 12:30-3:30

We request that you either walk your child to the door and allow them to enter themselves, or let them hop out of the car and escort him with your eyes till you see then enter the door. Someone will be there to greet your child.

**Clothing:**

Children should dress comfortably and prepared for indoor and outdoor activities. Children will play outside as a group in all kinds of weather. So please be sure he is dressed accordingly. We would also appreciate it if his clothing does not feature any violence, profanity or action figures. Simple and comfortable shoes that they wear; slip-on or Velcro shoes are best so they can build their independence in dressing themselves. And yes, we would love you to provide a way at home for children to choose what to wear.

Extra Clothes: Please bring an extra pair of clothing when you drop off your application forms including: Shirt, pants, socks, and underwear. This is a life saver in an emergency or if we work with dirt, food, water, etc.

**School Calendar:**

We will follow the calendar for the Nebo School District. You can reference their calendar at the website listed to see what Holidays we will honor [http://www.nebo.edu/sites/nebo.edu/files/Calendar\\_2015-16b.pdf](http://www.nebo.edu/sites/nebo.edu/files/Calendar_2015-16b.pdf)

**Toys:**

Toys in general are not allowed in the classroom.

**Illness:**

Children should not be in school if they show any of the following symptoms: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or school, we will send them home. If they have any of these, we ask children be kept home for 24 hours to insure the contagious period has passed. We expect children to be in good health when in school. Please contact us if your child is sick. We are not licensed to administer medications.

**Emergencies:**

In the event of an accident, emergency or sudden illness, we will contact you immediately. If necessary, we will have your child transported to the appropriate facility by ambulance. The emergency form you filled out will accompany your child. Please be sure to have up to date information on that form.

**Birthdays:**

Birthdays are a special day for all children, and we wish to celebrate each Birthday. Please coordinate what day is the best day for us to celebrate. Parents are welcome to send a special birthday treat for the class. Please do not send a child to school with a gift or birthday invitations for others. We can provide addresses for this purpose.

**Discipline:**

Class rules are clearly stated from the child's first day. They are simple rules such as: careful hands, inside voices, and respect for all. Breach of rules results in a gentle reminder from the teacher. Repeated problems result in a short time out until the child has gained control of their body or words. The disciplinary framework that we practice in our classroom is natural, can be implemented calmly, and is most effective. Discipline is never punitive.

Natural consequences do not involve the teacher or parent. They allow the child to experience the results of his own actions. For example, if a child disrupts another child's work, the other child corrects the offender, thus eliminating the need of an adult interaction.

Logical consequences are also not perceived or administered as punishment. They are most effective when their application is appropriate to the infraction. For example, if a child tears the pages of a library book, the logical consequence is that the teacher removes the book from the child's possession, and after the child helps to repair the page. If this marks a repeated infraction, the child might experience loss of library privileges for several days. Practice

in fully experiencing the results of one's own choices act as the most effective means toward the growth of self-discipline.