



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Each day I am inspired by the children. Their enthusiasm for learning and caring for their friends is truly beautiful.

This morning after being checked-in at the gate, a child waited for another friend to join her so they could walk to class together. We overheard her say “Let’s do the Hundred Board together again today. You remember it right?” She was so excited to help the younger child to learn more today, completely independent of the teachers.

In the Montessori classroom, children love to teach and care for each other, something that brings joy and sets the foundation for a lifetime of learning. When we as adults sit back and observe, we let our children know that we trust and honor their unique contributions to the world.

“This is the treasure we need today - helping the child become independent of us and make his way by himself, receiving in return his gifts of hope and light.” - Maria Montessori.

Winter Break Plans

Believe it or not, Winter Break is just around the corner. The holidays are such a special time to spend with family. Our children are little for such a brief amount of time. Spending that with family during the holidays is so important. Likewise, we want our teachers to spend the holidays with their families.

DVMS is open on December 20-21 and December 27-29 in a limited capacity. For the Infant Toddler House, these days are included in the monthly tuition, however we ask that families let us know the days and times their children will be in class in order to staff accordingly.

For preschool children, we are offering extended care for a limited number of children. On December 20-21 the hours will be 8am-5pm. From December 27-29, the hours will be 8am-3pm. This extended care will be billed in addition to regular tuition.

On Monday, November 15, the Winter Break forms will be available in the Parent Portal. Please take a moment to review the information and let us know your Winter Break plans as soon as possible.

Kindergarten at DVMS Parent Ed Evening

The question "Should my child stay at DVMS for Kindergarten" is one we hear often. For children in the 3-6 year-old Montessori classroom, completing their "kindergarten" year at DVMS is a pivotal experience. They continue their academic development and rise to leadership roles in the classroom.

So with that in mind, we are holding a special Parent Education evening, Kindergarten at DVMS information session on Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30pm.

Please join us on Zoom to hear about each area of the curriculum. Our teaching teams will demonstrate the many elements of this Kindergarten year, either a child's 3rd year in the preschool or their 4th year depending on birth date.

It is an amazing experience for each and every child to have their Kindergarten year here with us, intellectually, emotionally and physically. Come and find out how and why!

We look forward to seeing you, explaining the above and answering any questions you may have. Here is the Zoom link:

[click here](#)

Meeting ID: 924 0702 3244

Passcode: KatDVMS

Important Dates!



November 15: Winter Break Extended Care Forms for Preschool available in the Parent Portal

November 16: DVMS Board of Director's Meeting
7:30pm Zoom

November 17: Kindergarten at DVMS Parent Education Evening 6:30pm Zoom

November 18: DVMS Dudes at Lafayette Public House 6pm-8pm

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break - **School Closed**

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