



Montessori Academy of Arcadia



## Important Upcoming Dates

**July 3**  
**Independence Day**  
**School Closed**  
**July 6**  
**Peter Pan Movie**  
**July 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
**Wet & Wild Wednesdays**  
**July 9**  
**Pajama Day**  
**July 13**  
**Aladdin Movie**  
**July 16, 23 & 30**  
**Dress Up Days**  
**July 20**  
**Ratatouille Movie**  
**July 27**  
**Toy Story Movie**

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### Latest News

Our Academic Summer Camp is well underway. It is filled with fun activities and additional enrichment to keep our students engaged and challenged. We are very proud of our students' resilience and accomplishments during the past month. Our children have quickly adapted to the changes and modifications we have incorporated. To our amazement, the children are eagerly and effortlessly following the safety guidelines set forth with a positive spirit. Moreover, our students have been busy catching up with what they missed in the academic areas during the school closure. We want to recognize our dedicated staff for making our school a safe and happy environment. We are also grateful and thankful to all our parents for their encouragement, trust, and confidence in our school. Our heartfelt thank you also goes out to our community for their support in many wonderful ways. July brings our country's birthday, hot summer days, and opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. We are looking forward to another exciting month packed with safe and joyful activities to make another memorable summer for our students.



### Camp Activities

We will be having more fun this month at school while continuing our quality academics at the same pace. Students will delve into hands-on activities, experiments, and projects that will promote discovery, problem-solving, and learning.

### Independence Day

July 4, 1776, is a historic day for Americans. It was on the 4th of July that the thirteen original colonies declared independence from Britain, leading to the birth of our country, the United States of America. In honor of this momentous event, the school will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

### Open Enrollment 2020–2021 School Year

Though summer has only just begun, the new school year is right around the corner. We are currently accepting applications for the new school year 2020 – 2021. The parents of returning students will need to submit their children's updated Emergency Contact Form (LIC 700), Allergy and Medical Treatment Form (LIC 627), Immunization Record, along with the Annual Registration, Book, and Material Fee of \$200 to reserve a spot for the upcoming school year.

### Movie Madness Mondays

Our children will enjoy a Disney movie every Monday with a bowl of popcorn. Peter Pan, Aladdin, Ratatouille, and Toy Story are some of the classics we have selected for July.

## Tasty Treat Tuesdays

We will be serving special treats on Tuesdays that are guaranteed to satisfy our students. Mint Oreo Cookies with Milk, Genie Jell-O, Graham Cracker Pizzas, and Fresh Fruit race cars are some of the treats for July.

## Wet & Wild Wednesdays

Water play days are great for the hot summer. It provides extended opportunities for learning in all developmental areas. Social distancing will be maintained during these outdoor activities. Remember to send a one-piece bathing suit for girls and swimming trunks and shirts for boys, closed-toe water shoes, an extra pair of shoes, a towel, and extra clothes and underwear in a separate Ziplock bag clearly labeled with your child's name. Please apply sunscreen before drop-off. Children not potty-trained will need swimmer's pull-ups.



## Theatrical Thursdays

Dressing up isn't just fun, it also helps our children celebrate their learning. Children are eager to transform their wardrobe into something they conjured or imagined. This activity will allow for self-expression. During these days, the children may dress up as a character from the movie they have watched on Monday.



## Fun & Fitness Fridays

Getting enough exercise for children is more important today than ever before. Fitness activities can be beneficial to children in a variety of ways - mentally and physically. Our summer camp includes modern yoga, aerobics, stretching exercises, Zumba, and other fun physical activities for our campers.

# Important Information on Coronavirus Disease

## Tests

There are two kinds of tests available for Covid-19: Tests for current infection (viral tests) and tests for past infection (antibody tests). An antibody test may not confirm if you have a current infection. It is also not known yet if having antibodies can protect someone from getting infected again, or how long any type of protection might last. If you have symptoms and want to get tested, please call your healthcare provider first.

## Protect yourself and Others

Covid-19 spreads mainly through close contact with another person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can be inhaled by people who are nearby. In general, the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction is, the higher the risk of spread. It is also possible that a person can get infected by touching a surface or an object that has the virus on it.



## The best ways to avoid/minimize being exposed to the virus are:

- Maintain social distancing of about six feet.
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover the mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.



# How we maintain a safe environment for our students

**Small Groups** - Our student and staff groupings are as static as possible.

**Face Coverings** - Masks are required for all students over the age of two.

**Staggering Scheduling** - group activities are staggered to maintain social distancing.

**Absenteeism / Leave Policies** - We are closely monitoring the absenteeism of students and staff to prevent any kind of exposure to our community. Flexible leave policies and practices are established to enable employees to stay home if they are exposed.

**Daily Health Checks** - We are conducting daily wellness checks three times a day or as frequently as needed.



**Sanitation, Cleaning, and Disinfection** - We are continuously disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and materials throughout the day.

**Shared objects** - We have limited/discouraged the sharing of objects. Each student is required to bring their own supplies, and each student's belongings are stored separately in individually labeled cubbies.

**Ventilation** - We have increased the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors as often as possible.

**Modified Layouts** - Students are encouraged to sit at least six feet apart and cots are placed head-to-toe to increase the distance among the nappers.

**Outdoor Activities** - We are prioritizing outdoor activities where social distancing can be best maintained as much as possible.

**Food Service** - We are using disposable food service items such as utensils and paper goods, and food is served in individually wrapped plates.

**Non-essential Visitors** - For the safety of our students during the pandemic, all parents, visitors, and volunteers are not permitted inside the facility for the time being.

**Gatherings & Events** - All activities such as field trips, performances, and community events are canceled until further notice to minimize the transmission of Covid-19 to the community.

**Do you need help paying for child care? You may qualify if you:**

- Are working, seeking employment, going to school or in training or
- Are receiving cash aid or were terminated off cash aid in the past two years
- Funding is based on your need (working, school, training, etc.), family size and income.

Please call us at 626-447-2246 for more information

