

# Montessori Pathways

## Summer Camp 2020



Dear parents,

We would like to remind you that Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

This year the following teachers will be working with your kids at our Summer Camp: *Ms. Kathy, Ms. Urana, Ms. Carole, and Ms. Alena (administrator)*

Our team was working hard to create a new safe environment for our students. This includes a personal work station for each student that will provide social distancing, new schedule and routine including frequent staff and students' health screening, handwashing, cleaning and sanitization of our facility and all used educational tools and materials, work rugs will be replaced for bath towels that will be washed after each use, more outdoor time and many more.

We are very excited to know that Illinois is moving to Phase 4 of Reopening. However, we would like to make sure that Montessori Pathways School's reopening will go smoothly and safely for our staff, students, and their families. Therefore, we will be following our Reopening Protocol that was created for Phase 3 and 4 on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**We require parents to learn this protocol attentively since there are several changes in our routine and procedure. There are just a few highlights:**

- a) Parents or guardians are **not allowed to enter the building or playground** during the pandemic.
- b) MPS staff member will take the temperature of all students using a contactless thermometer upon arrival at school. **Parents should wait while their child is under the screening.** If the child's temperature is 100 degrees F or greater, an MPS staff member is not allowed to accept this child and the child will be sent home with parents immediately.
- c) Parents are required to practice social distancing and wear a mask for drop off/pick up. Please learn about our new pick up/ drop off procedure (see the attached protocol)
- d) The school **will not be providing complimentary hot lunches** as we usually do for the time being.
  - ✓ Parents are required to send their PEANUT/NUT FREE healthy cold lunch from home. No sweets and juice please.
  - ✓ Lunch and all necessary disposable utensils should be placed in one **labeled** Zip-Lock bag. All leftovers and utensils will be placed in the Zip-Lock bag and disposed of after lunch.
  - ✓ Lunch should not require re-heating. If refrigerating is required, a "Refrigerate" note should be written on the zip-lock bag next to the child's name.

- e) **Water bottles** should be sent with kids for recess time daily and they will be sent home at the end of each day for cleaning, sanitizing, and refilling. **Water bottles must have a flip top lid** to cover the "mouth part" and protect it from constant touching.
- f) **Reusable school bags are not permitted** until further notice. Any items that need to be sent home (such as dirty/soiled clothes) will be sent in a disposable bag. A replacement should be sent to school in a new disposable bag.

All students' projects will be collected at school and sent home at the end of Summer Camp attendance or when a specific amount is collected during the school year (approx. once a week) in a disposable bag.

- g) Students or staff members who are experiencing a fever or any other symptoms related to COVID-19 must stay home and can return to school with doctor's permission only.
- h) The faculty and students' parents of Montessori Pathways School are required to notify the school in the following cases:
  - ✓ If they or members of their families are / were / or will be traveling outside of USA or Illinois.
  - ✓ If they or members of their families are diagnosed with COVID-19
  - ✓ If their child who is currently enrolled in our program is diagnosed with any communicable or complicated disease such as COVID-19, Influenza, Strep, Pink Eye, Head-Foot-Mouth, Chicken Pox, Croup, Mums, Head Lice, Pneumonia, etc.

#### CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS:

- Read Reopening Protocol (attached) attentively and follow all school's requirements please.
- Fill out all paperwork including **last page of Reopening Protocol, Covid-19 Waiver form, and Permission Forms (attached)** and return them to school on the first day of Summer Camp attendance if you did not do so yet.
- Second Session Tuition Payment** is required on the first day of attendance.
- The **Summer Camp Supplies and Spare Items (attached)** are required on the first day of attendance in labeled disposable bag.
- Inside shoes**, which will be kept at school, are still required for Summer Camp. It will help us to keep kids in the same routine and protect their environment from being muddy and dusty. The inside shoes must be safe, comfortable, and easy for child to handle independently.
- If your child is younger than 4.5 years old, please remember to bring **a blanket and a pillow** to be used **for naptime** (we will be providing the bed sheets). A stuffed animal for nap time is not allowed at this time.
- Please **check your e-mails daily** for news and information regarding camp.

*Note: Please make sure that the school's email address [montpathways@hotmail.com](mailto:montpathways@hotmail.com) is saved in your contacts to prevent our emails from going into your junk folder.*

We are looking forward to spending a great summer together!

*Sincerely,  
Montessori Pathways Team*