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Early Childhood Program

2017-2018

Clothes: *The best clothes are those that are “play worthy”, can get dirty, and do not draw attention from others. Simple, well fitted clothes are best. Given that the children are outside in a variety of weather, clothing should be layered. Dressing your child in layers allows them to be prepared for the change in temperatures from the morning to afternoon.*

- Clothes and shoes should have no logos, words, or emblems.
- Clothes and shoes should not have pictures, neon colors or flashing lights.
- Shoes should enclose or strap around the heel securely and enclose the toes.
- A t-shirt should be worn under spaghetti strap shirts and dresses.
- Shorts or tights/leggings should be worn under skirts and dresses.
- Pants should remain secure around the waist.
- Hair should be held back from the face.
- Save clothes that could be described as fancy, dress-up, or a costume for the weekends.
- Also, save predominately black outfits, jewelry, nail polish, and tattoos for the weekends.

Additional Items

- Indoor Shoes: the best type of indoor shoe is a slip-on shoe that fully encloses the toes and heels. Shoes should also be soft soled like moccasins or ballet slippers. Another recommendation is Soft Star Shoes that can be purchased online at <http://www.softstarshoes.com/kid-shoes/waldorf-montessori-classroom-shoes.html> From July 21, 2017 through September 30, 2017 use the discount code: **waldorf2017** when purchasing Soft Star rambler and moccasin style shoes and receive a 15% discount.
- Rain gear: rain coat with a hood or separate hat, boots, and rain pants that are clearly labeled. If you purchase gear online, we suggest searching for “puddle pants”, “rain bibs”, “rain suit”, “puddle gear”, and/or “discovery pants” for a variety of options.
- Cold weather gear: coat with a hood or separate hat, gloves/mittens, snow suit/snow pants, scarf, winter boots, and layers such as thermal wear/tights/leggings.
- Lunch box without characters and clearly labeled with your child’s name. In addition, include silverware and a water bottle without characters.

Items to be left at school: *Please bring the following to school on the Early Childhood Visitation Day on September 6, 2017 or your child’s first day of school.*

- Indoor shoes
- Extra pants, shirt, underwear and socks.
- Rain gear (every article of clothing clearly labeled)
- Children enrolling in the Aftercare Program should bring a small blanket (2’x 3’) and pillow, and optional small stuffed animal or doll.

Family Food Contributions: Families may be asked to contribute food to add to our weekly snack menu. Some teachers prefer that families bring in weekly fruits, nuts, etc., while others prefer that parents sign up to bring in extra items periodically. Your child’s teacher or class parent will send out communication about family food contributions at the beginning of the school year.