

Parent Roles

Little Ones Montessori is committed to providing a thoughtful education for your child. By working in partnership with parents, teachers can better attend to the growth and development of each child and communicate regularly with home. As parents, you can help by informing teachers of changes in your child's life, illnesses, or home situations. In this way, teachers can serve the emotional needs of your child.

We therefore encourage the following:

- Observation of the classroom
- Attendance at Orientation and Parent Education Evenings
- Participation in volunteer and fund raising events
- Attendance at Parent-Teacher conferences
- Reading the Rooster Report Newsletter and other recommended readings
- Bridging Montessori Education into the Home – What parents can do to help

Observation

All parents are encouraged to observe their child's classrooms at least twice a year, prior to conferencing. This is an important and effective way of learning how your child responds to the Montessori environment. Observations will begin mid-October. Please call for an appointment. Parents may enter the classroom at anytime during the day and throughout the year without an appointment.

Orientation

Parent Orientation is scheduled and **attendance is required**. It is imperative that you attend so you and your child start off with common understandings of how and why procedures and policies are as they are. Please make every effort to attend. Parent Handbooks should be brought to the Orientation as a reference. Classroom schedules will be distributed at that time.

Parent Education Evenings

Little Ones Montessori will provide the opportunity for parents to attend Parent Education events throughout the year. These evenings are designed to give you a more comprehensive understanding of how your child's growth and development are supported in the Montessori environment and how to partner in your child's education. We request that parents please refrain from addressing concerns specifically regarding their child at these events, please schedule a conference. Please see the academic calendar and upcoming Newsletters for specific dates.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Your child's growth and development will be monitored daily and can be discussed at any time during the year; however, there will be two scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences as noted on the calendar. Your participation is necessary for your child's optimum education. Parents will receive detailed information regarding their child's strengths, challenges, and progress at this time. Of course, if additional conferences are needed or requested, please let your child's teacher know and one will be scheduled.

Volunteer and Fund Raising Events

Parents are invited to share their talents, careers, or hobbies with the children. Please read the Newsletters for possibilities and make arrangements with the teacher. In addition, any help you would like to offer in caring for the environment, indoors and outdoors is appreciated.

Little Ones Montessori depends on the involvement and generosity of its families as well as staff and the community. Parent volunteers are actively recruited and involved in the successful operation of special events throughout the year. It is expected that *all* parents will support and participate willingly and as generously as possible in these efforts. Success in this area helps to keep tuitions as low as possible, build community support, and at the same time maintain the highest level of education.
