

The Montessori House

STEPPING STONES PHASE-IN PERIOD

The phase-in period is a time during which your child is introduced gradually to the routines and people of the Stepping Stones room. This gradual exposure allows your child to gain a sense of trust, security, and confidence before being left on his/her own in the new environment. Children adapt differently to new situations, therefore the length of the phase-in period will depend upon the needs of your individual child. Ideally, we ask that one parent be available for a two-week period to help ensure a smooth and happy adjustment for your child to the program. If one parent is not available for the full period, a grandparent or another caregiver who is close to your child may stand in for the parent. During this critical period the teacher will be working closely with you, and much of her time and energy will be devoted to getting to know your child and building a foundation of trust.

Phase-in includes a home visit before school starts, a one-on-one visit in the classroom (w/parent), and then 5 sessions of small-group visits (w/parent) to resolve any separation issues, and a final 3 days of 105-minute visits of the entire class (no parent/caregiver). Class will meet for the full 2.5 hours starting on September 17, and will meet that week four times (school closed Sept 19). The regular class schedule 3 days per week (Mon., Tues., and Wed.) starts the week of Monday, September 24.

Visit	Date	Early Session	Late Session	Duration	Comments
Home Visit	Week of Aug 27	TBD	TBD	15 minutes	Meet at your home
One-on-One	Tuesday September 4	Start between 8:30 and 11:30 am.	Start between 12:15 and 3:00 p.m.	20 minutes	One child and one parent alone with teacher
1st Small Group	Sept. 5-6 (Wed-Thu)	Start between 8:45 and 10:30 am.	Start between 12:00 and 2:30 p.m.	45 minutes	Up to 4 children with one parent each
2nd Small Group	Sept. 7, 11 (Fri, Tue)	Start between 8:45 and 10:00 am.	Start between 12:20 and 1:45 p.m.	70 minutes	Up to 4 children with one parent each
Whole Class	Sept. 12-14 (Wed-Fri)	8:45 – 10:30 a.m.	12:20. – 2:05 p.m.	105 minutes	Entire class NO parents
Whole Class	Sep 17,18,20,21 (Mo,Tu,Th,Fr)	8:45 – 11:15 a.m.	12:20 – 2:50 p.m.	2-1/2 hours	Entire class NO parents
Regular Schedule 3 days per week (Mon-Tues-Wed)	Monday September 24	8:45 – 11:15 a.m.	12:20 – 2:50 p.m.	2-1/2 hours	Start regular schedule unless otherwise advised