

## **Sprout Studios Montessori Homeschool Policies & Guidelines**

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Welcome to Our Montessori Homeschool Group!

We are excited to have you join our community. Below are Sprout Studios' guidelines to help us create a nurturing, respectful, and engaging environment for every family involved.

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### **Mission & Values**

Our homeschool Montessori group is dedicated to providing a peaceful, stimulating, and child-centered learning experience, rooted in Montessori principles. We strive to support every student and parent through the stages of childhood

We embrace the values of respect, kindness, and patience. By following Montessori principles, we aim to nurture each child's unique potential, foster social development, and promote personal responsibility.

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### **Guidelines & Policies**

#### **Arrival & Dismissal**

- Arrival: Please arrive on time to ensure a smooth start. Late arrivals can disrupt the learning environment.
- All students/parents should enter using the front porch entrance.
- Dismissal: For safety, children are only released to their parents or pre-approved caregivers. If someone other than the usual caregiver will pick up your child, please inform us in advance.

#### **Parking**

- Sprout Studios' driveway can hold up to four cars. If using the drive, please be sure to park allowing four vehicles to fit.
- Additional parking can be found in the back lot off Burlingwood, across the street in the lot off Front St. (near the river), and along Louisiana and 2nd Street.

#### **Specific Learning Needs**

- If your child has specific learning needs that may require additional guidance, we ask that a parent or guardian remain in attendance to support them during the class. This helps us ensure a smooth experience for all children.

#### **Code of Conduct**

- Respectful Communication: We ask all families to speak kindly and respectfully to children, guides, and one another. Our goal is to model and foster positive interactions.
- Behavior Policy: If a child or parent exhibits disrespectful or disruptive behavior that hinders the learning environment, we reserve the right to exit the family from the program. Respect and collaboration are foundational to our community.

### **Health & Safety**

- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, especially if symptoms of contagious illnesses are present.

### **Montessori Materials & Workspace**

- Respecting Materials: Montessori materials are intended to be used with care and purpose. Children will be encouraged to return items to their designated places after use.
- Care of Environment: We involve children in caring for their learning environment by cleaning up after themselves and treating materials, plants, and other items with respect.

### **Fees and Payments**

- Fees for each session must be paid before the first class. Refunds are generally not provided, as we budget based on group commitments.

### **Media Policy**

Out of respect for each family's privacy, we ask that you refrain from taking photos or videos of other children without permission. The facilitator may take photos for group sharing (with permission from each family).

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By enrolling in our homeschool program, you agree to the terms outlined in this policy statement.

### **We're Here for You!**

We are grateful to have you as part of our community. If you have any questions about these policies or our group's approach, please reach out to owner, Lynn Cherry at [sproutstudios419@gmail.com](mailto:sproutstudios419@gmail.com).