

2025-2026 Class Descriptions

Preschool Classes		
Class Name	Ladybugs	Dragonflies
Definition	Morning Preschool	Morning Preschool + Expanded-Day
Age (as of Sept. 1 st)	3-5 years	3-5 years
Toilet Trained	Yes	Yes
Teacher-Child Ratio	8:1	8:1
Class Description	A traditional Montessori preschool class for the child who is ready to handle more choice, additional classmates, and more transitions in a larger learning environment. Our Ladybug class provides opportunities for younger students to learn from older children, and for the older students to model for younger children in a true mixedage classroom. Ladybugs are learning academics through selforganizing Montessori materials that teach math, language, and reading/writing through whole-body experiences. They are also learning the social-regulation skills necessary for school success: how to take initiative with peers, engage in cooperative play, manage emotions, follow directions, share thoughts/ feelings, and negotiate conflict. Character-building is a key feature. Teachers craft their daily routine around the needs of the children and intentionally work with each student to facilitate the whole child.	An ideal option for the mature preschooler who is eager to explore the classroom more fully and is able to handle a longer school day. The Dragonfly day includes an interactive lunch period where students have a chance to practice important relationship skills. Children are also learning social-regulation skills, such as how to take initiative with peers, engage in cooperative play, manage emotions, follow directions, share thoughts/feelings, and negotiate conflict. Dragonflies spend their afternoons building on the social, emotional, and academic skills that they are acquiring in the morning. The afternoon offers more time for projects and teacher-led presentations, as well as time to work with additional Montessori materials and open-ended STEM-based activities. For a part of the afternoon, children will spend time in their small groups working on enriching, developmentally appropriate activities suited to their specific needs. Teachers work intentionally on school readiness skills with those children transitioning to kindergarten. Play is a crucial part of this program. The children in this class will get additional play time during the afternoon to provide sensory input and encourage gross motor development.
Times	T/TH, MWF & M-F 9:00-12:00 3 hours	MWF, T/Th & M-F 9:00-3:00 6 hours
Extended Care (Preschool Class) (Ages 3-5)	Morning Extended Care: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM \$10 per day (5 days a week) Afternoon Extended Care: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM \$10 cost per day * Please note: Afternoon Care will not be available on minimum days. Care Available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays only. Families wishing to sign up for both morning and afternoon care on the same day, will pay a combined rate of \$20 per day.	



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	Early Preschool	Special Enrichment Class
Class Name	Cocoons	Social Butterflies
Definition	Introductory/Transitional Preschool	Social Skills Friendship Class
Age (as of Sept. 1 st)	2 years	Ladybugs & Dragonflies
Toilet Trained	No	Yes
Teacher-Child Ratio	4:1	2 Teachers w/ 4-6 Children
Class Description	A small, highly-nurturing class for toddlers who are first beginning school or for the young preschooler who may benefit from a smaller environment with closer teacher attention. The focus is on mastering separation, early socialization, language development, and toilet learning. Children learn turn-taking, listening, cooperation, self-control, and comfort with adults and peers. The teachers follow the lead of individual children, encouraging developmental play. Music, movement, and floor time play are strongly emphasized. The classroom is enriched with many hands-on learning materials, including age-appropriate Montessori activities that inspire curiosity and creativity and offer multiple opportunities for interactive socialization. Toilet-teaching is offered as a natural part of the day. Transitions are limited. Class size is limited to 12 children. NOTE: Early Preschoolers all start with either a 2-or-3-day option. Children may grow into a 5-day schedule (by recommendation only).	A special enrichment class for children who can benefit from extra support in making connections with peers and establishing friendship skills. Teachers coach children to play collaboratively and cooperatively. Children relate to one another through interactive play activities. They learn about their thoughts and feelings and how to work together as part of a group. Teachers promote mental flexibility, conversational turn-taking, problem-solving, "body-reading" awareness, and emotional regulation. This is a great class for building play skills and confidence in the social realm.
Times	T/TH & MWF and M-F by recommendation only 9:00-12:00 3 hours	Offered During School Year 12:30-1:30 6 Week sessions - 1 hour

We offer class options to meet the unique developmental needs of EACH child. Class placements are made by the Administrative staff in close collaboration with parents.