

# Bluebird Montessori

**Objectives:** Bluebird Montessori provides a small and nurturing environment for children ages approximately 3-6 years old. The program is founded on Montessori principles that support hands-on learning, self discovery, cooperation, and respect. Our aim is to instill a love of learning in all of its students.

**Admission:** Families interested in enrollment at Bluebird Montessori are encouraged to call or email to schedule a parent visit. You are then welcome to submit an application. Once we have your application, we will set up a time for your child to meet with the head teacher one-on-one.

**Fees:** Tuition fees are \$6,250.00 for the 2020-2021 school year, payable in 9 installments of \$625.00 due on the 15th of each month, beginning in September and ending in May. The tuition can be also paid in full at the beginning of the school year. There is a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 that is due with the application form and a deposit of \$625.00 due with enrollment contract.

**Program Session:** Morning Class meets Monday-Friday, September-June, 9:00-11:50 a.m. Afternoon Class meets 12:45-3:45. Children should not arrive earlier than 5 minutes before the session begins nor be picked up more than 10 minutes late. If you will be late, please contact the teacher.

**Transportation:** Transportation is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. If someone other than a regular driver will be transporting the child, a written note must be submitted to the teacher.

**Conferences:** There will be two scheduled days of Parent-Teacher conferences during the year, one in December and one in May. Each conference will be 20 minutes long. If you feel additional time is needed,

a further conference may be scheduled. Should you wish to speak with the teacher about concerns or questions, call or email them to schedule an appointment.

**Snow Days/School Cancellations:** Bluebird will be closed on any day that the Bethlehem School district is closed due to snow. If there is a two-hour delay, there will be no morning program. You will receive an email announcing the decision.

**Clothing:** Clothing should be comfortable and easy for the child to manage. Please avoid television/movie characters. Simple, well-fitting slippers/shoes are to be kept at school and worn daily in the classroom. Please send in an extra set of season-appropriate clothing in case of spills or toileting accidents. We go outside in all kinds of weather and need to be prepared with appropriate outerwear. Label everything!

**Nourishment:** About twice a year you will be asked to provide snack for the class for the week. We will send home a grocery list on Friday to be delivered the following Monday. A well-balanced and healthy snack will be available on the snack table for the children.

**Birthdays:** We celebrate birthdays with a traditional Montessori Birthday Walk. This is a simple ceremony that you are invited to join. It is an important science/cultural lesson and is very special for everyone involved. You are welcome to bring in a treat to share with the class.

**Health Matters:** Please keep your child home if he/she has been sick (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever). Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class. If your child will be absent, please call Bluebird to let the teachers know.

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