

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2018 Summer Camp at Casa Dei Bambini!!!!

We are excited to have all of your children in our camp this summer.

## **Meet the teacher**

Hi, my name is Mrs. Ruth and I along with Mrs. Nordy, will be Co-Directing the 2018 Casa dei Bambini Summer Camp. We look forward to implementing the Montessori philosophy within the classroom. This will create a loving, nurturing environment where the children are exposed to Montessori lessons. At the same time they will build new friendships while having fun along the way. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer!

## **Arrival & Dismissal**

In order to honor and respect each child's classroom routine, we kindly ask that all campers arrive between 8:30am-9:00am. During arrival, a teacher at the gate will greet you and your child. The teacher will then help transition them into camp for the day.

Half-Day student dismissal begins at 11:45am and ends at 12:00pm. Full Day pick-up is from 2:45pm-3:00pm. We understand that there are unforeseen circumstances, which may cause you to be late picking up your child. If you are going to be late, please contact the school immediately. Aftercare will be available from 3:00pm-4:00pm for a charge of \$15.00 to be paid to the aftercare caregiver.

## **How to Dress Your Child**

- Clothing should be comfortable and easily manageable for your child, this encourages independence and success during the toilet training routine.
- Shoes should also be easy to put on off as well, close toed with rubber soles are recommended.

## **What to Bring to School**

**\* Please have all items labeled with your child's first and last name. \***

### **WEEKLY NEEDS:**

- Twelve Diapers   - One Large Container of Wipes   - One Hair Brush
- Five Underwear if your child has started or is toilet trained.
- Five Changes of Clothing including socks and a pair of shoes in a large zip-lock bag.
- Full day students will need to bring a nap set. They will be sent home weekly to be laundered.

\*\*\*CDB will have them available for purchase (\$35). Please make check payable to: ***Casa dei Bambini***.

## **Getting Your Toddler Off to a Good Start**

You have made a great choice by enrolling your child in our Montessori Toddler Summer Camp! Toddlers are developing their sense of independence and benefit from time away from the family to interact with other children.

Some Suggestions:

\* Examine your attitude about dropping your child off for school. This is one of the biggest roadblocks to separation. Children are very intuitive and can read and imitate parent's reactions to events. If your child senses that you are feeling apprehensive about him/her going to school, he/she is likely to exhibit the same feelings.

\* Communicate with confidence that your child will be fine and that you are happy and excited that he/she is going to school because you know how much fun he/she will have.

\* Sometimes parents are not ready to "let go" of their babies and have a more difficult time separating than the child.

\* A quick good bye with a clear point of departure outside the classroom or from the car is best. Drop your child off quickly and let him/her be drawn into the classroom by intriguing activities and his/her day will get off to a great start.

\* Tell your child how you are going to be spending your day and that you will be back to pick them up after school. Allowing him/her to leave you from the car or the classroom door allows the child to feel empowered as opposed to feeling left behind.

\* Your child is safe with us and we are going to take great care of him/her. We know each child is different and we want to work with you to make his/her first school experience as smooth as possible. Let us know how we can help!

We look forward to getting to know you and your child in the upcoming weeks!

*Sincerely,*

Casa dei Bambini Summer Camp Staff