

Welcome to.....

The Children's House at Coulee Montessori

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ATTENTION:

Please join us on August 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for our Open House.

September 3rd is a 30-minute appointment for you
and your child from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

The first FULL DAY of school for kindergartners will be
September 4th.

The first FULL MORNING for preschoolers will be September 5th.
(Preschoolers will have no school on September 4th.)

Attendance

Regular attendance and being on time are important in all school programs. A child who is ill should remain at home until recovered. It is important to call the school by 9 a.m. to report the child's absence.

The School Day

Monday through Friday:
Kindergarten - 8:15 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
Preschool- 8:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

The School District of La Crosse does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.

What Did you Do Today?



If you ask your child
"What did you do today?"
Don't be surprised
If she has nothing to say



The question's so big
Where should she begin?
It's hard to remember everything!
Better say, "Nothing" that's easy to say
It really was too busy and complicated a day.



For better information
It's best to say
"Did you hear a story
or paint today?"

Then help her remember what it was about
And before you know it, more things will pour out.
So ask for specifics about things that we do.
It will be much easier for your child to tell you.

If you want to know what those things might be
Look at the daily plan on the wall and see
Or ask and we'll be happy to say
How many different things we did today!!!



Families Can Help

Basic Suggestions

Read to your child regularly.

Be enthusiastic and show interest in your child's work.

Have a place to display your child's work.

Be consistent in behavior requirements.

Select TV programs and apps that are appropriate for your child's age level.

Make outdoor play and exercise part of a routine.

Listen to children, encourage them to ask questions, discuss ideas, and relate to events of the day.

Have an appropriate bedtime.

Feel free to discuss any concern with the teacher by making an appointment for a conference.

Join the school's parent-teacher organization. Take an active part in school life for the sake of your child.

Our school has various areas in which volunteers may help.
We welcome your participation.

Give your child love, affection, security, and acceptance.

A Big Day Is Coming..... That First Day of School!!!

It's a big day for all of us! We, at school, want it to be the first of many productive, rewarding, and worthwhile school days. Every child is unique, and we will do everything we can to see that your child gets the type of education that is appropriate. We look forward to working with you.

Children will feel more comfortable in school when they are learning to take care of basic personal needs. It is helpful for children to learn how to put on and take off outer clothing, use zippers, snaps, and buttons, and fasten/tie shoes. Using the bathroom properly and washing hands are important skills for young children to develop. Children also should begin learning how to state basic information about him or herself, such as their first and last names, parents' or guardians' names, address, and telephone number.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent conferences are held each fall and spring. Progress is reported in attitudes and behavior, work habits, and skill development. Additional conferences are scheduled as needed at the request of either parent or school staff.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips offer an extension of classroom activities. Field trips will be taken throughout the year. Prior to each field trip, your child will bring home information telling the rationale, date, location, and cost. The child will also bring home a permission slip for each field trip which you must sign and return before the trip so that the child is able to participate.

GOOD PRACTICES

Please be sure to check your child's back pack each evening. They will be bringing field trip permission slips, notices, library books, and other information important for you to see. Also, it helps to label all of your child's outdoor clothing; i.e. all jackets, hat, mittens, boots, snow pants, and their back pack as well. Finally, it is best NOT to allow your child to bring toys from home to school to avoid the disappointment of losing or breaking a "special" item. You will be informed of Sharing Days when there is an exception to this rule.

SNACKS/MEALS

The teacher will request assistance in providing snacks. Students have the opportunity to eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school provided by the School Nutrition Program. Students are encouraged to participate in this program. Kindergarten students will have an assigned lunchtime during the school day. Parents are welcome to come and join their children any time for lunch. Please be sure to call ahead to have your name added to the lunch count.

When a student's account has enough to cover just one or two meals a note will be send home to notify you that they need to bring lunch money. School meals are available for a free or reduced price through the application process. An application form is mailed to your home, in August, by the School Nutrition Office. Applications must be filled out each school year.

Meal Prices for 2018-2019

All Elementary Student Breakfasts.....	\$1.60
All Reduced Breakfasts.....	\$.30
Elementary Student Lunch	\$2.80
Reduced Elementary Student Lunch	\$.40
Ala Carte Milk.....	\$.50/pint
Adult Breakfast.....	\$ 2.50
Adult Lunch.....	\$ 3.85

The meal prices for the 2019-20 school year have not been determined yet.

An increase of 5-10 cents is anticipated.

Information on pricing will be sent home in the summer mailing.

Children's House Supply List

Mrs. Mossholder's and Ms. Nikki's **Children's House Preschool Supply List 2019-20:**

Community Items – DO NOT label:

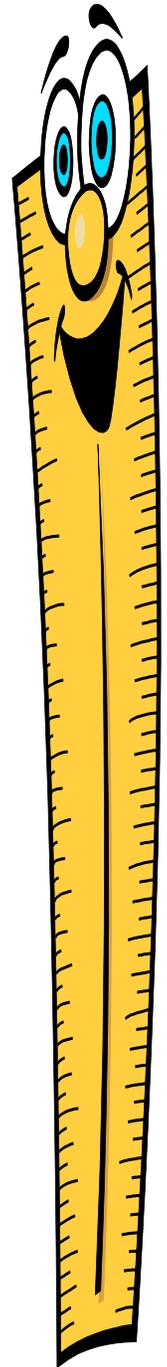
- 1 large glue stick
- 1 package of napkins
- 1 pad of tracing paper
- 2 packages of 5 ounce plastic cups
- 2 boxes of crackers, pretzels, goldfish, or graham crackers
- 1 box of Ziploc baggies-Gallon size
- 1 pkg. cupcake baking papers

Required Personal Items – PLEASE LABEL CLEARLY:

- 1 soft-sided, collapsible backpack—large enough to hold a folder without bending—**ABSOLUTELY NO WHEELS**
- extra change of clothing (underwear, socks, shorts/pants, shirt)

OPTIONAL:

- 1 plant to be cared for and kept in the classroom
(Please limit the container size to be not more than 6" in diameter with an attached base and no drainage holes. Also, please include any information that comes with the plant such as name of the plant and care instructions.)



Health Information

The Wisconsin State Law requires parents to provide the school with immunization dates or signed waivers by the 30th day of school. Please keep a record of your child's immunizations. When your child receives additional immunizations, make sure you inform the school. Immunizations may be obtained through your private physician or La Crosse County Public Health Department (785-9723).

The School District of La Crosse strongly recommends that all students complete the following when entering Kindergarten:

- *Immunization Records (as required by State Law)
- *Physical Examination Forms
- *Dental Examination Forms

Please note that IF your child ever needs a prescription medication to be administered at school a physician's signature as well as a parent's is required for this to be done. Forms are available through the health office at your school.

NOTES: