



ELEMENTARY - Daily Schedule

8:35 – 8:50 a.m. **Line Time.** This is the time children have to share their news with the group, as well as hear any important news of the upcoming school day.

8:50 a.m. -12:15 p.m. **Work period.** Each Monday morning, the directress hands out worksheets with a listing of all academic areas and the possible work choices within those areas. The morning work period provides children the time to work on their individual plans, which may include individual work, time in small groups, and individual or group presentations.

12:15 -12:30 p.m. **Clean-Up and Line Time.** After individual work time, the class comes together to prepare for lunch by cleaning and setting the tables. This also is a time for singing songs and sharing stories written during the morning session.

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch Time.** Hand washing, good table manners, and proper conversation are part of the lunchtime experience and the Montessori “practical living” education.

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Outdoor Free Play.** After lunch, the children have playtime outside – in all kinds of weather. We believe the fresh air and sunshine is vital; they just need to be dressed for it!

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Timed Tests and Reading.** Upon their return for the afternoon class, the children take timed tests. These are individual math tests given to the children at their own level of ability and are used as practice in the memorization of math facts. After the math tests, the children read quietly or listen to the teacher read a story.

2:00 – 2:55 p.m. **Afternoon Work Period.** This is often for group presentations in science, geography, or history. The children may also use this time to carry on with work begun in the morning work period.

3:00 p.m. **Dismissal.** The elementary school day ends at 3:00 p.m. The children are responsible for checking their mailboxes before they leave.

Homework: Because the children are working hard during the day, homework is not generally assigned. However, worksheet activities that are not completed by the end of the week may be assigned as homework. Because the Montessori philosophy is based on the idea of mastery, once a student has mastered a concept, they move on to the next level. This eliminates the need for busy work, ensuring school time is used efficiently and homework is typically not necessary.