



July 2023

Dear Twos Parents:

We would like to welcome you to the morning and afternoon twos classes. The twos classes are designed to help facilitate a smooth transition into preschool for each family and to make each child's first year at preschool a happy one.

We require that an adult accompany each child to school for the first four (4) part-time days of Summer Camp and/or the regular school year (you will attend part-time, morning or afternoon only, for the first 4 classes). We have found that having parents present in the classroom helps the children feel more secure with the teachers and our routines, eliminating much of the separation anxiety usually associated with being in a new environment. Another benefit to having parents attend class with the children is that you will be able to speak with real confidence about the fun at school!

In order to continue to provide the standards our parents have come to expect of Montecito School, and for your child's smooth transition, these first four (4) class sessions will be held inside and outside (in the Meadow Room playground and bike circle areas when outside). Some of the activities the children will engage in will be outside in the playground and bike circle, and others inside during activity hours. When the teachers talk to the parents about the classroom rules and procedures, the parents and teachers will go inside the classroom while the children have snack time and stay in the playground with the other teachers.

Beginning either this Summer 2023 or for the 2023/24 school year (on August 14th or your child's first day of attendance mid-year), the following transition process will apply to the twos classes listed below (for our two-year-old families only):

- Each two-year-old child attending classes and/or camps on T/TH (morning or afternoon) AND M-F (morning or afternoon) will be accompanied by one adult on either T/TH for the first 2 weeks of class (in the morning if your child attends only AM or F/T and in the afternoon if your child only attends afternoon) or Monday through Thursday of the first week of camp/school (morning or afternoon); OR
- Each two-year-old child attending classes and/or camps on M/W/F (morning or afternoon) will be accompanied by one adult on M/W for the first 2 weeks of class (again, in the morning or afternoon, depending on when your child attends class).

Our drop-in programs are also available to your two-year-old child; however, we find it's best to wait until your child is transitioned into his/her twos class first, as your child will be more emotionally and developmentally ready for the additional hours and change in their routine once they have attended school for a few weeks. Our drop-in program is intentionally structured and staffed the same as your child's twos class, and will be held in the Meadow Room with your child's same friends and teachers. Your child is also welcome to participate in our drop-in Holiday Care (during our school breaks and summers – up to full-time care

available) and any Parents' Night Out (offered based on parent interest one Saturday in November and April each school year).

Please refer to the Parent Handbook for other two-year-old and school policies. Handbooks are given out on Orientation Day (August 14th). For Summer Camps, there is no Orientation Day. We really appreciate everyone's help and support in making the first days of school safe, fun and exciting for each child. We eagerly await the arrival of your children!

Thank you,

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By signing below, you acknowledge you have received a copy of this letter, have read and understand the twos policies.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

