



Three-Day/Four Day K1 School

“Children acquire knowledge through experience in the environment.”

- Maria Montessori, the 1946 London Lectures

Schedule of Day

8:30-8:40 Drop Off
 8:30-10:45 Classroom learning time
 10:45-11:00 Morning Circle (greetings, gratitude, lesson)
 11:00-12:00 Lunch & Free Play
 12:00-2:00 Outdoor learning time & mindfulness activity
 2:00-2:45 Classroom learning time
 2:45-3:00 Closing Circle (gratitude, goodbyes)

Classroom Learning Time

Classroom learning time will focus on ensuring children are growing and progressing in core academics.

Lessons will be done mostly in small groups or one-on-one, following children’s interests and readiness.

Montessori materials will be used to ensure learning is hands-on and whenever possible, lessons will be tied to real experiences in the natural world.

Outdoor Learning Time

Our time outdoors will focus on topics that match what is happening in the natural world. We may have focused hikes, looking to observe a specific creature or plant, join in projects like pond dipping or maple tapping, or even forage for supplies to prepare a group meal!

Outdoor time may also include math games, journaling, a pause for a snack and/or time for free play.

Gratitude, Yoga & Mindfulness

A focus on gratitude and the gifts we are given both from the nature world and our families and communities will be woven into many aspects of the program.

Yoga and mindfulness activities will tie into the natural world while also helping to ground children in their own minds and bodies.

Following the Seasons

Lessons will focus on topics that mirror the unfolding of the seasons in the natural world.
Here is an idea of topics we may study through the months of the school year.

<p>September</p> <p>Autumnal equinox Caterpillars/Monarchs Migrations Fruit lifecycles (apples, pumpkins)</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Bats Spiders Fall leaves Moon cycles</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Preparations for winter Squirrels Nuts</p>
<p>December</p> <p>Winter solstice Coniferous trees Hibernation and Torpor Animal adaptations</p>	<p>January</p> <p>Snow Animal tracks Maple tapping Birds of Prey</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Maple season Songbirds Shadows Constellations</p>
<p>March</p> <p>Vernal equinox Spring flowers Foraging for early greens Clouds</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Edible wildflowers Pond life Amphibian lifecycles Seeds</p>	<p>May</p> <p>Bees Pollination Water cycle</p>

Specifics

3 Day Class will meet Tuesday-Thursday, September 2021 – May 2022. 4Day class will meet Monday - Thursday

Cost:

4 Day - \$6,354

3Day - \$4,860

To register: Visit <http://www.cincynature.org/education/> on August 22nd to complete registration.
A deposit of \$250 is required to hold your spot and will be applied to your first month's tuition.

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2021 to participate.
Class will include kindergarten, first and second grade children.
Class size will be no more than 10.

Teacher will be Erin Phillips, M.Ed.

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