

July 2019

### Hello Primary Families,

We welcome our newest and youngest friends to attend their own special **Tour** with their parents on **Monday**, **August 19**<sup>th</sup> and a **Two Hour Practice School Day** (without their parents) on **Tuesday**, **August 20**<sup>th</sup>.

**The Tour** lasts fifteen minutes and we encourage you to bring along the adults who will be most involved in your child's school experience, especially those who pick up and drop off. You and your child will be shown how and where to sign in, where their cubby is, the bathroom and have a brief tour of the school. Your child's teachers will show you around and answer questions you may have. This is also the time to bring your child's supplies.

**The Practice Day is from 8:30-10:30 on Tuesday, August 20th.** You will drop your child off, sign them in and say goodbye, just as you would on a regular school day. This will give your child the opportunity to practice coming to school without all of the commotion of a regular school day. During their Practice Day, I will host a brief informational meeting from 9:30-10:15 in Pioneer Park, weather permitting. Please bring your sunglasses and sunscreen as we will be sitting outside for this meeting.

#### Some helpful reminders:

Your child might cry and feel sad or scared. Do not worry! This is normal for children to experience separation anxiety, even if they have gone to daycare prior to coming to CHMS. Young children develop a strong bond, as well as have a strong sense of order. Events new to their routine, as well as unfamiliar people and places can trigger strong emotions. I promise that the more confident and quick your goodbye is, the more confident your child will be about trusting their new school. I know it can be very difficult to leave your little one, but they will settle and adjust and have fun. During their two hour practice time they will learn the classroom routine, meet other children and have a few Montessori lessons.

When it is time to pick up your child, please wait just outside the front doors and we will bring the children to you. For safety reasons, please follow our special dismissal procedure of allowing us to dismiss your child to you, rather than your child running to you, or you leading your child off, out of the line. We appreciate your understanding in this.

The children will be released at 10:30.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend the tour or the Practice Day. You may contact us at <a href="mailto:childrenshouselewiston@gmail.com">childrenshouselewiston@gmail.com</a>

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to their new school.

Best.

Ms. Megan, Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Afton



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# **Tours for Primary Students**

Tours are for new students to the school as well as new to Ms. Stephanie's classroom. Tours last about 15 minutes. Please R.S.V.P. for your tour by emailing us at childrenshouselewiston@gmail.com.

# Items to bring on your tour:

- Copy of your child's birth certificate
- Copy of your child's most recent immunizations or exemption forms
- Extra Clothing, indoor shoes (no bedroom slippers please).
- Email us a digital family photo to be displayed at the school.
- Any registration paperwork not yet turned in
- During the tour we are happy to meet any family members or friends who will be assisting in picking up and dropping off your child.

#### **Tour Times:**

- 8:20 Sophie and Matthew
- 8:40 Agatha and Gloria
- 9:00 Alaina and Maliyah
- 9:20 Noah, Shane and Parker
- 9:40 Mazlynn and Aryee
- 10:00 Brayden and Delaney
- 10:20 Ryker and Allison
- 10:40 Brynn and Jasmine
- 11:00 Coen and Edmund
- 11:20 Gabriel and Kennedy
- 11:40 Soney and Hailey