

CLAIRE'S MONTESSORI

SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER 2026

A PLACE OF BELONGING
ON THE PATH TO BECOMING.

Beginning of the School Year

Here we are at the beginning of the 26–27 school year! Our students are settling in, classrooms are buzzing with the low hum of engagement, and meaningful collaboration and community building are taking place each day.

One of the highlights of our Well-Being Curriculum is the opportunity for students in every classroom to practice yoga and breath work at their individualized levels. These practices help students develop body awareness, focus, self-regulation, and mindfulness in ways that are appropriate for their age and stage of development.

Throughout the school year, these mindfulness practices will be woven into the classroom experience alongside many other opportunities for growth and connection.

At the beginning of the school year, students are also discovering how their Montessori classroom works, engaging in exciting new lessons, building independence, and forming new friendships. We warmly welcome our returning and new students and their families to the Claire's Community!

With all our best,
The CMIA Team



Important Information

Primary drop off BEFORE 8:30am

School-Age drop off by 8:15am

**Infant-Toddler drop off
BEFORE 9:00am**

Important Dates for September

**September 5: Grandparents
Day Celebration from
3:00 - 4:15pm.**

**September 7: Campus Closed
for Labor Day**

**September 14-18: Spirit Week
Join us September 18 for our
Peace Parade at 9am!**



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Montessori Quotes

"Democracy begins at birth. The child must know what is going to happen to him, that he will not be seized suddenly, that his permission will be asked first."

"As we observe children, we see the vitality of their spirit, the maximum effort put forth in all they do, the intuition, attention and focus they bring to all life's events, and the sheer joy they experience in living."

Maria Montessori, *The Child. Society and the World* (Unpublished Speeches and Writing)

Maria Montessori



HOT LUNCH REMINDER

As a reminder, once you have opted into the lunch program it is for the full month.

NO REFUNDS will be given as we budget for all monthly lunches.

Thank You!

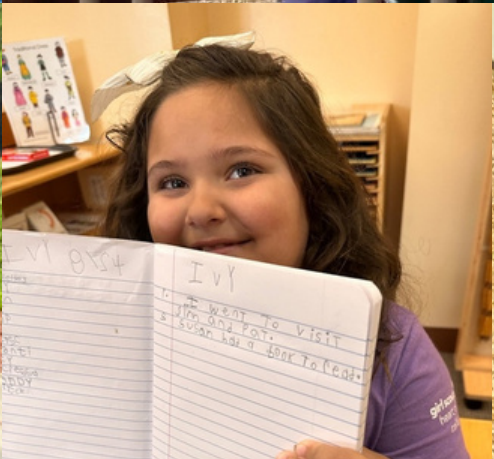
TUITION REMINDER

Dear Parents, we keep our tuition as low as we can in comparison to others in our demographic, while also working to be fair to our teachers and administrators. We appreciate your prompt payment by the 5th of each month. If you need more time, please connect with Jenny at Director@clairesmontessori.com. Thank you for your business and trust in our team.



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Work Cycle



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Program Highlights Practical Life Skills Across All Age Levels

Infant/Toddler

Practical life skills are tasks that help young children develop independence, concentration, and success, and are the foundation for learning in the Montessori curriculum. Some examples at the Infant/Toddler level are spooning, pouring, self-feeding, self-dressing, cleaning up after oneself, and a toddler favorite: window washing.



Primary

At the Primary level, students further develop these skills through plant care, food preparation, buttoning and zipping up clothing, and greeting others.

These activities help refine fine and gross motor skills, and allow the child to learn courteous behavior and conflict resolution.

School Age

In the Elementary program, the Practical Life curriculum builds on Early Childhood foundations by shifting its focus. Instead of emphasizing self-care and fine motor skills, it now targets helping children engage with their interests, manage their time, and contribute to their community. While self-care and social skills remain important, the main focus is on teaching responsibility, using tools like work plans to aid in organization and time management.

