

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

PARENT EDUCATION

Open House

Bring your family to see your student's classroom and meet teachers, parents and students on the Sunday before the first day of school at 6:00 pm. This is a good opportunity to ask questions and let your child get to know the set up for the new school year.

New Parent Orientation

Parents new to the school are required to attend and everyone is welcome to join us in the Santy Auditorium on the date and time indicated in the Events and Holidays section of the website. Come meet the faculty, directors, administrators and other parents of the school. We will outline the philosophy of the school, give you a preview of what your child will be learning this year and answer your questions.

Back-to-School Night

All parents and children are invited to attend this informative evening on the date and time indicated in the Events and Holidays section of the website. This is your chance to get an overview of what your child has been working on so far and what will come.

Parent Education Series

Each class level will host its own parent education night at some point in the school year. You are encouraged to attend any or all of the parent nights usually hosted in the home of a parent. These evenings are an opportunity for the teachers to provide parents with a hands-on experience of the lessons presented and materials used in the classrooms. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the Montessori method.

Spring Open House

Every student will take part in preparing a special presentation for you at our Open House. It is your child's opportunity to show you what she's learned this year. The evening is usually planned around a theme and you are invited to try activities in every classroom.

Newsletter

Be sure to read the monthly newsletter posted on the website at www.soaringwings.org for important event dates and times.

Calendar

The Early childhood teachers prepare a monthly calendar summarizing the newsletter information to give you a quick reference to what your EC student has been studying.

Tomorrow's Child

The school provides Tomorrow's Child magazine to every family enrolled in Soaring Wings. This Montessori magazine produced by the International Montessori Council features articles and photos that closely follow what we are doing at Soaring Wings. Be sure to look through your copy for interesting articles, books and handy recipes.

Workshops

SWMS offers fall and spring workshops for the Montessori teachers of Utah and surrounding states to freshen their skills. Parents are welcome to participate. Check the newsletter for details on the next one.

Utah Montessori Council Conference

SWMS is the founder and an active member of the UMC. If you would like to learn more about Montessori you are welcome to attend the annual conference hosted this year by SWMS. Ask any teacher for details.

Educational Resources

The child's most fundamental and earliest education is from his/her parents; therefore, learning about the Montessori theory and its application will be most helpful to you. Many Montessori resources are available on the SWMS website (www.soaringwings.org), or at the local library.

We depend on you to inform yourself about the Montessori philosophy. By doing so, you will better understand your child's experience at school, you will benefit more from Parent Conferences, and you will be able to offer your child greater consistency at home.

OBSERVATIONS

Parents are invited to observe their children any time after the first six weeks of a new school year. One of the best ways for parents to find out how their children are doing in the classroom is to observe. In order to support you in this process, we invite you to visit the classroom, if you so choose. You are asked to speak directly to your child's teacher to schedule your observation.

Although both parents are invited to observe at least once during the school year, the observations should take place on separate occasions, so as to minimize the distraction for the students.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Communication between parent and faculty is of primary importance in the development of the child, so conferences are scheduled in November and March. Conferences serve to keep us all informed as to the child's progress at school and at home, so we encourage both parents to attend. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher during the regular conference time. Teachers spend much time preparing and prefer not to have to squeeze them in during a regular school day.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTEER HOURS

SWMS appreciates the assistance of parent volunteers. All families are given the opportunity to assist the school in the manner that is most consistent with their time and talents. Parent volunteers may assist in a variety of ways and should sign up through volunteer job lists circulated by SWPTSO or the teachers.

Your volunteer hours benefit the school and are greatly appreciated.