



RMA Reopening Information

RMA's first full day of school will be Monday, August 17 to align with DCSD. We have changed our hours due to increased disinfecting and physical distancing procedures. Our earliest drop off will now be 7:30 am and our latest pick up will now be 5:45 pm. Contact us if you need support with other arrangements.

We are doing all we can at RMA to provide a safe and nurturing environment for your child.

Pick up and Drop off:

- There will be designated pick up and drop off times for children.
- Pick up and drop off will take place in the parking lot only.
 - You will drive up, we will ask a few health questions, take your child's temperature, and either you or we will help your child out of the car.
- There will be another staff member inside RMA receiving children, but we ask that no one other than RMA staff and enrolled children enter the building without an appointment.
- Children will be brought outside to meet their parent at the end of the day.
- ELV also has a new app that allows for no touch check in and out of your child.

Classroom set up:

- We will be distancing the children in the classrooms and to do so, we have to use all 3 of our upstairs rooms as Primary classrooms to hold only 20 children in each room that normally holds up to 40.
- Each child will have an "office" or designated workspace inside the classroom.
 - These offices will allow for children to have independence and a distanced place to work.
 - Collaboration is still important and expected in Montessori and we are working on ways to do this best with the children.
 - You will be provided with a list of items your child may bring to outfit their "office."
- We will encourage children to move, work outside in the backyards on nice days, and work with others in safe ways.
- The teachers and other RMA staff members will increase disinfecting procedures.
 - This will include disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces multiple times each day and classroom materials, the bathroom, and tables and chairs after each use.

Masks and other PPE:

- All RMA employees must wear masks in the school.
- Children may bring a mask from home, and one will be supplied to them each day.
 - It is requested that the children wear their masks, however this won't be forced. We will show the children how to properly wear masks and if they are doing well, encourage their use.
- Handwashing is our go to!
 - Children will use hand sanitizer at times, but handwashing at the sink with soap will be the most important aspect.
 - We are asking every family to provide soap and dispenser so that each child has their own soap, cutting down on cross contamination as much as possible in the bathroom.
- Indoor shoes will also be required this year.
 - Indoor shoes must be either easily sprayed with disinfect or washed in a washer.
 - Some examples are: sneakers, crocks, water shoes, socks with grips on the bottom... If you would like more examples, let us know!
 - Indoor shoes will stay at RMA. Outdoor shoes will be for the playground/outside time and going from home to school and back to home.
- For clothing, we ask that children wear items that can get messy and are easily washable. We ask for a few changes of clothing that stay at RMA.

Snack and Lunch:

- You have a choice.
 - Bring a lunch box that we can spray with disinfectant each day or
 - Bring lunch items in individual containers without a box and at drop off an RMA staff member can help you put these in a disposable brown bag that the school provides.
- Please remember to label your bag/box with the child's name, if it contains nuts, and new this year: if it needs to be refrigerated.
 - We are still able to heat up lunches as long as it's a reheat, not a full cook.
- All food must be provided by you for your child each day.
 - This includes snacks and lunch.

If a child or staff member is ill:

- We will follow our health procedures in the Family Handbook.
- If COVID-19 is confirmed
 - We will plan on closing for at least 24 hours to clean the school.
 - We will also contact the local health department and follow their direction.

Hybrid and Online:

- We will provide a robust curriculum with teachers who will accommodate similar sessions to the ones provided during our previous Virtual School.
- If you choose either of these options, attendance will be required to support the benefits for your child.

Homeschool Support:

- If you are interested in teaching your child from home and want a day for socialization at RMA and/or support with your curriculum, this may be an option for you!
- Contact us for more information.

Private Montessori Elementary:

- Our newest program, Montessori Elementary, is already enrolling children in First through Third grade. We will add a grade per year as the children grow.
- If you would like more information or need support for your older child who is doing online or hybrid schooling at a different school, please contact us.

We can't wait to see you again! Please let us know if you need anything to support your decision on how to enroll at RMA.

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