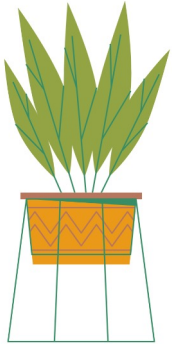




***Welcome to  
Primary 1!***



# *Hello!*

*We are your Primary  
Guides - Shannon Adams  
and Amy Braden*

*We are so excited that  
you are  
in our class this year!*





# *Daily Schedule*



<b>8:15-8:30</b>	<b>Arrival</b>
<b>8:15 - 11:00</b>	<b>Morning Work Cycle</b>
	<b>Morning Meeting</b>
	<b>Snack/Story-Time</b>
<b>11:15 - 11:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>11:45-12:15</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>12:45 - 2:45</b>	<b>Nap Time/Afternoon Work Cycle</b>
<b>2:15-3:05</b>	<b>Specials</b>
<b>3:15-3:45</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>



# *What is Montessori?*

*The Montessori Method of education, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. Dr. Montessori's Method has been time tested, with over 100 years of success in diverse cultures throughout the world.*

*It is a view of the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a supportive, thoughtfully prepared learning environment. It is an approach that values the human spirit and the development of the whole child—physical, social, emotional, cognitive.*

*American Montessori Society*



# *Montessori Key Components*

- *“Help me to do it myself”*
- *Freedom of movement*
- *Care for oneself, for others, and the environment*
- *Satisfaction from real, meaningful work*
- *Self-correcting learning materials*
- *Understanding of “Sensitive Periods”*
- *Mixed-age classrooms for three full years*
- *Teacher or Guide “disappears” among the children*

# *Montessori Work Cycle*

*The three-hour work cycle in a Montessori classroom consists of three uninterrupted hours of work time for each student. Students are able to freely choose work during this cycle and are able to develop better concentration skills and focus through this undisturbed work time. Unlike traditional classroom schedules that consist of frequent breaks and interruptions, the three-hour work cycle allows the student the opportunity to engage in a work more thoroughly.*



# *Specials Schedule*

*Primary 1 will have Specials Monday-Friday from 2:15-3:05. Specials are Physical Education, Music, and Art and will rotate weekly.*



# *Before & After Care*

- Before Care begins at 6:45 AM and runs until doors open at 8:15 AM - the fee is \$7 per day, per child.
- After Care begins after dismissal at 3:45 and runs until 6:00 PM.
  - If the student attends After Care all five days of the school week, the fee is \$50.
  - If the student attend After four days or fewer of the school week, the fee is \$12 per day, per child.
- City Garden offers financial assistance for Before and After Care Services through a sliding scale payment program. More information about Before and After Care, including the registration form, will be included in New Student Information Packets and Back to School Packets, which will be released in the coming weeks.





# *Drop Off & Pick Up*

City Garden has developed a Drop Off and Pick Up Instructional Video. [To read a transcript of the video, visit us online.](#) To watch the video, click play!





# ABAR

*Anti-bias, anti-racism  
(ABAR) is an active  
commitment to identifying  
and interrupting bias and  
racism, and creating  
systems, culture and  
practices that lead to  
equity and justice.*



## Intersectionality- ADDRESSING MODEL

- A**- age and/or generation
- D**- disability status (developmental)
- D**- disability status (acquired)
- R**- religion and spirituality
- E**- ethnicity
- S**- socioeconomic status
- S**- sexual orientation
- I**- indigineous heritage
- N**- national origin
- G**- gender

At City Garden we attempt to identify and interrupt the power imbalances that are present within society.

[Complete ABAR Slide Deck](#)



# *Progress Reports*

*Progress reports are distributed to parents 4 times a year at the end of each quarter. We assess children on their progress with an in house assessment and the Pre-Kindergarten Observation Form (PKOF).*





# Communications

- Every Sunday at 3:00 PM, City Garden releases *Planting the Seed* – a weekly staff and family newsletter signed by Principal Crystal Isom. It contains a calendar of all **Upcoming Dates and Events, New Information, and Reminders**.
- Once a month, City Garden releases a Community Newsletter signed by CEO/Executive Director Christie Huck. It contains various updates and news about City Garden, from major events to student accomplishments.
- City Garden also releases regular updates via our text messaging system. Parents/guardians will be invited to opt into the system later this summer.
- Lead Guides (Teachers) also release regular communications to their classroom parents/guardians, which they manage independently.





# *Parent/Family Communications*



*Parent communication is essential to the success of the students and faculty at City Garden. We welcome frequent communication!*

## ***Newsletters, Emails, and Other and Communication***

*Primary classrooms, as well as the school, will send out newsletters, emails, and text messages of updates, classroom events, important dates, and needs.*

## ***Parent Communication Conferences***

*Parent Communication Conferences are an opportunity to meet and discuss the needs and progress of each child. Two formal conferences will happen each year – Fall and Spring.*





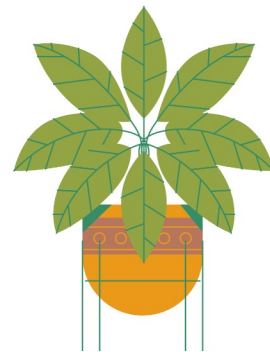
# *Volunteer Opportunities!*



City Garden offers numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the school year, and is in the process of revamping its Volunteer Program for the 2022-23 school year!

New parents and guardians will be invited to fill out a Volunteer Commitment Form in their New Student Information Packet. These forms help City Garden staff understand what kinds of volunteer opportunities certain parents/guardians prefer.

For questions or more information about our volunteer program, please contact Cassidy Flynn, Chief Communications Officer at [cassidy.flynn@citygardenschool.org](mailto:cassidy.flynn@citygardenschool.org) or (314) 664-7646, ext. 109.





# *Enrichment Activities*



Enrichment Activities from the 21-22 school year have included:

- Family nights at the Magic House, Magic House MADE, Missouri Botanical Garden's Garden Glow, Saint Louis Zoo and the Butterfly House
- Performances from local theatre companies and storytellers





# Supply Lists



*A supply list from me went out this summer of needs for that specific classroom. Supplies will include things such as cotton balls, q-tips, crayons, hand soap, tissue, hand sanitizer, etc. for our Montessori classrooms. Also, please keep a look out for other classroom needs during the year. They include snack, flowers and vegetables.*

## **Snack**

*Daily snack is donated by our families. All snacks should be store-bought and **nut-free**. Fresh fruit and vegetables are great options. Please supply enough snack for the entire class of 20 children.*

## **Fresh Flowers**

*One of our classroom lessons is Flower Arranging. An inexpensive bouquet with a variety of natural flowers would be greatly appreciated. Flowers from your own garden will work as well!*

## **Fresh Vegetables**

*Another classroom lesson is Vegetable Cutting. This would include easy-to-cut vegetables like green beans, celery, whole carrots, zucchini, squash, etc.*







# *Summer School Opportunities*

- Registration for this year has closed.
- At the end of the 22–23 school year information will be sent home on how to enroll.
- Teachers/Lead Guides may send home summer work packets.

