



Little Miners  
**MONTESSORI**



## Welcome Aspen & Birch Toddler Classes!

After a fun-filled summer, we are ready to introduce our toddlers to their classroom environment full of exciting and wonderful works and activities.

We begin the year with introductions and learning about new friends and our classroom. “Who am I and who are you?” and “Our peaceful classroom” will be our circle lesson themes for August. Our toddler community will learn the many ways we will respect others, our environment, and ourselves. We look forward to getting to know one another throughout the school year!

In September our Toddlers will begin learning all about their amazing bodies and five senses. We will then learn how to care for one another, our classroom pets and plants. Exploring and expressing feelings, discovering our love lights and resolving conflicts peacefully will be a part of our September circle themes. We will finish off the month with a celebration of the Fall/Autumn season by exploring the different trees and leaves that are changing all around us.

### Important Toddler Dates

#### August

Toddler Orientation	23 & 24
First Day of School	27 & 28
Ice Cream Social	30
Student Forms Due	31

#### September

Labor Day	3
Parent Education Class	6
Picture Day	24 & 25
Firefighter Visit	27

#### October

Retakes/Sibling Photos	TBD
Parent Teacher Conferences	4 & 5
Fall Break	18 & 19
Halloween Celebration	31



### Montessori Moments

#### Parent Education Class:

On Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00PM, LMM will host a Parent Education Class for the Early Childhood classrooms. This evening the Toddler teachers will take you through a classroom experience that you will not want to miss! We strongly encourage that all parents participate and attend to ask questions and become more involved in your child’s hands on experience.

Throughout the first month of school we introduce our students to the many rituals and ways of a Montessori classroom. You may want to incorporate some of the routines into your home life. Below are a few of the terms and habits your children may share with you:

**Peaceful Classroom:** Children need to feel comfortable and be able to manage their physical environments with ease. To fulfill children’s needs for independence, we prepare the environment so they can do things as independently as possible. This ease is the first step of creating a sense of peace in the classroom. In addition to everything being on their level, each room has a peace shelf/corner. This remains throughout the year to remind us of peaceful mentors and serves as an area where they can meditate and reflect.

**Love Light:** Everyone has a love light! It represents the love that lives within. We learn how our love lights beam when we have done something well, we are happy or kind to others; and how they dim when we are mad, sad, or afraid. We work on ways to help make our lights shine again when they feel dim.

**Work Mat/Rug:** As your child becomes more accustomed to the classroom they will get used to the ritual of the work mat/rug. The work mat defines their workspace on the floor. When finished they roll their mats and return their work to the appropriate shelf.