



PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

Lower Elementary

Little Miners Montessori
School Policies and Procedures

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Montessori Background

Dr. Maria Montessori was an amazing woman. In 1896, Maria Montessori graduated from the University of Rome with top honors as the first female doctor in Italy. Her medical background led Dr. Montessori to approach education not as a philosopher or educator in the usual sense, but as a scientist. Maria Montessori demonstrated that children learn best by doing, not by being passive recipients of knowledge. She emphasized the need to observe which activities deeply involve a child in his or her own learning. Montessori teachers are therefore trained to continually evaluate the effect of each and every learning activity. This open-minded attitude and the respect for the child, which it suggests, is the cornerstone of Montessori education. Her book *The Montessori Method*, remains one of the most influential books ever written in the field of education.

The Lower Elementary Montessori Environment

While our Lower Elementary program is generally designed for children in the second plane of development (ages 6-9), we understand that some kindergartners (typically 5-year-olds) may demonstrate readiness for this advanced environment.

Exceptions for kindergartners to join the Lower Elementary program are made on a case-by-case basis, prioritizing the child's academic and social readiness. This decision is a collaborative process, requiring the full collaboration and consent of both parents and teachers.

We want parents to understand that the Lower Elementary curriculum is indeed geared for older students, focusing on more abstract concepts and independent work. However, our teachers are certified in both Early Childhood and Lower Elementary programs, enabling them to make appropriate accommodations for younger students who are ready for

the challenge. These accommodations ensure that while the kindergartner is integrated into the older program, their individual developmental needs are still met. The Lower Elementary program is required to attend Monday-Friday full time from 8:30-3:30PM.

Utah Fits All Scholarship

The UFA scholarship is a universal school choice scholarship program designed to empower families across the state of Utah. All K-3rd grade students who are Utah residents are eligible to receive up to \$8000 per year in scholarship funds, depending on how the funds are used.

Families receiving funds through the UFA program must acknowledge and understand the following:

- If a scholarship student withdraws and a tuition refund is applicable under the school's standard refund policy, any refund will be sent directly to Odyssey for deposit back into the student's scholarship account. Refunds will not be issued directly to parents or guardians.
- Scholarship students will not be charged different tuition amounts or subject to different refund policies than other students enrolled in the same program.
- Scholarship students are not required to sign any agreement waiving their right to transfer to another qualifying educational provider during the school year.
- LMM will notify Odyssey within five business days if a scholarship student withdraws during the school year.
- LMM enrollment is for the entire school year; a 30-day written notice is required when choosing to withdraw your child. (see tuition obligation & withdrawal policy below)
- Little Miners Montessori complies with the anti-discrimination provisions of U.S.C. S 2000d.

Park City Resident Scholarship

Park City Municipal and *Upwards* announced its new partnership intended to provide childcare funding to local families. Upwards is a leading childcare network in the United States dedicated to matching families with local caregivers in their area.

This program will offer three different scholarships and incentives to local families who qualify:

- A needs-based childcare tuition scholarship for children up to kindergarten age.

- An infant and toddler childcare tuition scholarship for children from infants to age three.
- A regulated childcare providers incentive to help support qualified caregivers.

The funding will be available on a first-come first serve basis every month beginning Jan. 1 and will be distributed to regulated childcare providers by Upwards.

Introduction Visits

Before the school year begins, the LE teacher will set up an introduction visit with each new family through email or text. These visits are a key ingredient to the collaborative nature of the Montessori philosophy and are an opportunity for the teacher to get acquainted with the parent(s) and the child prior to the new school year. The teacher will discuss any expectations, concerns, ideas and thoughts related to the child and the program. This will allow the child the opportunity to visit with their teacher and talk about their interests, excitement or concerns, allowing the teacher to design a learning course tailored to his/her individual needs. The LE teacher will reach out to returning students to schedule a time get together and share expectations, goals, and ideas prior to the new school year.

Parent Education Classes

Little Miners will host one Parent Education class throughout the school year and asks that all parents try to attend. These classes will be led by the teacher and will allow parents to gain a better understanding of the Montessori Method. Our goal as Montessorians is for parents to have more hands-on knowledge of what their child experiences while at school and within the unique Montessori environment. This will provide an important reference point when meeting with the teacher during Parent Teacher Conferences as well as help to make decisions regarding future school enrollment and commitment to Montessori education.

Admissions

At Little Miners Montessori, all children are welcome. We do not discriminate against race, color or creed. Little Miners Montessori Toddler program accepts children 18 months - 3 years old. The Early Childhood program accepts children 3- 6 years old & Lower Elementary 6-9 years old (Kindergarten; 1st-3rd grade). Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis. Children must be completely toilet trained prior to enrollment in the Early Childhood & Lower Elementary Program and must be physically and emotionally able to participate in the program.

A nonrefundable registration fee of \$800 are required to initiate the registration process. A completed Student Enrollment packet (**including Immunization Records**), bank or credit card account information, and a signed Tuition Agreement must be submitted through Enrollsy when accepting your child's spot.

Pre-Registration

Current LMM students and siblings will have priority to register in January prior to the upcoming school year. Lower Elementary requires a 5 full day schedule, Monday - Friday 8:30-3:30 p.m. Enrollment is limited in the Lower Elementary classroom, please be sure to return pre-registration promptly to secure your space.

Tuition Obligation & Withdrawal Policy

Parent understands that Student is being enrolled for the entire School Year. Parent further understands that the overhead expenses of the School do not diminish with the departure of some students during the course of the School year and agrees that it is impossible for the School to determine at the time of Parent's execution of this Contract the damage and loss to the School that would occur due to the later cancellation/withdrawal of some of the students who have enrolled. Therefore, once this Contract has been submitted to the School with the Registration Fee set forth in Paragraph 2, Parent becomes liable for the entire year's Tuition and fees as liquidated damages (and not a penalty) even if the Student is absent or is involuntarily separated from School. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Parent withdraws Student during the School Year, Parent agrees to notify the school in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to or on December 1st (the "Notice Period"). If Parent has selected Option 1 Payment Schedule and the withdrawal request is not made before expiration of the Notice Period, the final January 2nd payment remains due and Parent agrees that he/she will make the final Tuition payment. If Parent has selected Option 2 Payment Schedule and Parent provides the withdrawal request before expiration of the Notice Period, School will refund to Parent, on a pro rata basis, the remaining unused portion of Tuition. If withdrawal request is made after expiration of the Notice Period, Parent understands and agrees that Tuition or other payments already made are non-refundable and no pro rata refund will be provided. Student may continue to attend School for thirty (30) days after Parent delivers written withdrawal request to School.

On very rare occasions, we find that a child may not be ready for our Montessori program. Therefore, each child is given a two to six-week trial period. During this time, the teachers will evaluate the child's placement to be sure that he/she will fully benefit from the program. If we do find it

necessary to ask you to remove your child, a prorated tuition refund will be made.

Contact Information / Parent Communication

It is imperative that you keep all your contact information accurate and up-to-date. Please update your child's information and parent information on Enrollsy when necessary throughout the school year. *LMM communicates regularly with families through Enrollsy, Montessori Compass/Classroom Share, and or email, regarding school announcements, upcoming events, classroom scheduling availability, etc. so please be sure to provide an accurate email address that will be checked regularly.* We also communicate with parents through a portal called Montessori Compass/Classroom Share. You will be sent an invitation with login information to view the Parent Portal that will allow you to view updates specific to your child, calendar reminders, pictures and more. Please watch for an email at the beginning of each school year with details regarding your Montessori Compass/Classroom Share account. LMM will also provide you with a monthly calendar and important updates through Montessori Compass/Classroom Share at the beginning of every month, which provides details on topics covered each day. The monthly calendar can also be found on the LMM website; www.littleminers.org

Curbside Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

The Poplar and Willow class will enter through the main entrance. The Maple class will enter through the east classroom door near playground gate. The LE class will enter through the east playground gate.

Please enter the parking lot by driving into the second entrance and line up directly behind one another, Please **DO NOT** park or exit your car along the curbside. **For the children's safety, DO NOT pull up alongside cars lined up curbside** - it's a very hazardous practice that endangers your child. Little Miners Montessori is an *Idle Free Zone*. Please turn off your engine while waiting at the curb or when parked in the lot.

LMM begins at 8:30AM. If you arrive earlier than 8:30AM, please wait in your vehicle until a teacher or staff member greets you or opens the front door. **Lower Elementary class begins at 8:35am. Please be on time for class. It is very disruptive to the class when a child walks in late.** If you are going to be late, please call the front office and a staff member can come out to your car to walk your child into class. If your child has a doctor's appointment or other engagement that will result in a late arrival, please notify the office by phone or email.

Afternoon pickup is between 3:15-3:30p.m. Please line up at the curbside and be patient until a teacher or staff member hands your child to you.

Late Pick-Ups

If you are late picking up your child, please notify the office and provide an estimated time of pickup. Also keep in mind, not only is your child very tired and anxious to see you, but the teachers still have prep work and cleaning to do before they can leave for the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Nanny / Babysitter:

If your family has a regular nanny or babysitter who will be picking up or dropping off your child, please be sure to introduce them to the office staff and teachers ahead of time if possible. If we have not met the caregiver, please send an email or call the office to let us know.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up / Work Schedule

8:30AM - 11:30 → AM Work Time

Regular Drop-Off: 8:30AM

11:30AM-12:15PM → LE Recess 12:15PM -1:00PM → LE Lunch

1:00PM - 3:00 → PM Work Time

Regular Pick-Up: 3:15-3:30pm

** The LMM calendar shadows the Park City School District yearly schedule with flexibility to adjust as needed to meet the needs of a private school (Parent/Teacher Conferences, Montessori conferences/trainings, etc.).*

Enrollsy

Enrollsy is an online platform that serves schools and the families who enroll their children at LMM. With Enrollsy, parents have an account where they can:

- Easily enroll and re-enroll
- Make tuition payments using electronic check (ACH \$1), or credit/debit card (3% convenience fee)
- Update payment information
- Sign up for extracurricular events
- Print tuition payment receipts

Tuition

The school year tuition amount you pay for your child's schooling is based on an annual tuition figure (not a monthly, weekly or hourly calculation). In order to ease the burden of paying an annual tuition in one lump sum, we have set up a tuition payment plan (May 1st 10%, July 1st 10%, September 1st 40%, January 1st 40%). For example, September's payment does not represent the days your child attends class for that month. Instead, it is broken down into four payments to pay for your child's annual tuition. LMM will not discount/prorate for time off due to personal time, vacation or illness.

<u>Annual Tuition</u>	
<i>Non-refundable annual registration fee: \$800</i>	
Monday - Friday	\$17,000
Field Trip Fee	\$300
Total Tuition	\$17,300

<u>Annual Tuition Payment Plan</u>	
May 1 st (<i>non-refundable</i>)	10%
July 1 st (<i>non-refundable</i>)	10%
September 1st	40%
January 1st	40%

Payments and Late Fees

Tuition is due in three payments beginning May 1st. It is considered late if we receive it after the 5th of the month. At that time, and without exception, you will incur a \$30 late fee. Returned payments will also incur a \$30 fee.

You may pay your tuition one of two ways through the online Enrollsy application. LMM accepts electronic checks (ACH \$1 fee) and credit card payments (3% fee).

Absences

If your child will not be in school for a day or an extended absence, please call or email LMM and let us know. To maintain our child/teacher ratio, missed days cannot be made up.

Daily Schedule

The classroom curriculum includes lessons focused on Cosmic Education, History, Geography, Zoology, Science Experiments/Physiology, Math

Operations, Geometry, Literature, Grammar, Writing Mechanics/Sentence Building, Word Study/Spelling, Peace, Art and Music. Specific themes for lessons will be outlined daily on the monthly calendar that is sent through Montessori Compass at the beginning of each month. There will be one circle lesson in the morning and one circle lesson in the afternoon that all children participate in as a group. When not in circle, children are free to choose a Montessori activity or may be asked if they would like to work with a teacher on an individual or small group basis. Healthy snacks will be provided once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

The Lower Elementary class will attend Art, Spanish, and Music once a week for 45 minutes.

Recess (11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

All children are required to play outside each day as weather permits. LMM cannot excuse a child from outdoor play because of an existing illness. **If a child is well enough to come to school, he/she is well enough to play outside.** The only alternative is for your child to sit in the office until recess is over. If a child is complaining of going outside because they do not feel well, we will call the parent to come and pick them up.

Lunch (12:15 p.m.—1:00 p.m.)

Children should bring a ready-to-eat lunch (see "snacks and lunch" below for guidelines). Lower Elementary learns to respect mother earth by recycling and being responsible for daily clean up after their lunch time.

Snacks and Lunch

LMM stresses the importance of healthy, whole foods. Children are allowed to sit down for snack whenever he/she is ready to eat. We also ask that families follow our guidelines when preparing breakfast at home and lunches for school. Your child will be expending a lot of energy during their time at school and we ask that you prepare them with a healthy nutritious breakfast. We suggest eggs, whole grain breads or muffins, fruits, hot cereals, and yogurt as a good start to the day. These foods have "staying power" and your child will be happy to work all morning. Please pack a ready-to-eat lunch each day for your child in a labeled lunch box.

We request that you **do not** send sugary desserts to school. The Montessori method has a strong base in real-life activities and materials. For this reason we ask that you supply "real" and healthy items in your child's lunch, not heavily processed and packaged foods. Thank you.

We also suggest that you discuss with your child the importance of not sharing anything from their lunch, as there are often children with food-based allergies and/or food restrictions. Sharing food can also spread unwanted germs. Please label all containers and silverware to make certain these items make it home. In cold weather, foods such as soup and spaghetti can be put in a thermos to keep warm. Due to State Health Department regulations, we cannot cook or reheat food.

Snow Days/School Cancellations

School will be closed if the Park City School District cancels due to weather or other emergency conditions. Notification of closing will be announced SMS, and on Park City radio KPCW (91.7 FM). LMM will send out an early SMS as soon as they are aware of the school closure. If you have additional questions on the morning of a cancelled day, please feel free to message Miss Subie through Montessori Compass. The LMM calendar shadows the Park City School District schedule closely; may adjust days accordingly to meet the needs of a private school (Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC), Montessori conferences/trainings, etc.)

Emergencies

A medical release form must be completed on Enrollsy by a parent or guardian in order for the school to seek proper emergency care. **Please make sure that all telephone numbers and contact information stay up-to-date throughout the year.** At any point of time, a parent can edit their information through Enrollsy. Please make sure you update information as it changes. Forms will need to be re-signed and dated through Enrollsy each year you attend LMM.

Medication Policy

We will not administer prescription or over the counter medication to a child unless the medication is accompanied by written authorization from the parent, and the written order of a licensed health practitioner. Please send an email to the front office to request a medication form that can be accessed and filled out through Enrollsy. LMM will ask that you set up a time to drop off in the office where it will be stored properly with other student medications/ prescriptions. (i.e.: EpiPen, Benadryl, Motrin)

Medication must be in the original container and labeled with the name of the medication, dosage, name of the child, and if a prescription, the name of the physician. The office will provide a Medication Release Plan/Form online through Enrollsy.

If your child has any allergies, you must also complete a Medication Release Plan/Form as well as a Food Allergy Action Plan/Form (if applicable) through your Enrollsy account. All EpiPen's must be in the proper container clearly labeled with the child's name and the expiration date. It is the parent's responsibility to track the expiration date and provide a new EpiPen when necessary.

Health Procedures

In order to comply with the Health Department regulations, we must have a record of your child's immunizations and a description of any physical problems of the child such as asthma, seizures, diabetes, allergies, etc. A copy of your child's Immunization record must be uploaded onto your Enrollsy account **prior** to the first day of school. If you are exempt you must provide us with an official Exemption Form, which can be obtained from the Summit County Health Department and uploaded onto your Enrollsy account **prior** to the first day of school.

Failure to submit exempt/immunization forms before the first day of school will result in child's suspension until the completed forms are filled out and uploaded to Enrollsy.

In an effort to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses and respect the recommendations and guidelines of the CDC (Centers of Disease Control), we remind you to please keep your child at home if she/he has had a fever within the last 48 hours, during the first few days of a common cold, if she/he has a chronic cough, pink eye or green nose mucus. If your child becomes ill at school, she/he will be isolated from the children, and you will be contacted immediately and asked to come and pick up your child from school. We ask that all families perform regular head lice checks throughout the school year. If a child has head lice, they will be asked to remain home until remedied and lice free.

Discipline Policy

Occasionally, a child may be a disruption to his/her classmates. If this occurs, our first step is to redirect the child toward a different activity, giving him/her a choice between two activities. If the child's behavior continues, we will ask the child to move away from the others (circle time), to observe the class, or to think about the proper behavior. Many times the child will be asked to lie down in the rest/reading area or sit in a chair and watch and listen from there. If the behavior does not improve and the

disruption continues, the problem will be brought to the parents' attention and, if necessary, a conference will be scheduled. In extreme cases, if behavior does not improve, the child may be excused from the program.

Parent Observation and Involvement

Parents are always welcome to observe our classes in action. Please schedule your visit with the Lower Elementary teacher so that we can avoid having too many visitors in the classroom at one time. If you would like a one-on-one meeting with your child's teacher, you will need to schedule it outside of regular school hours so that we can minimize interruptions during class and maintain our focus on the children.

Many parents enjoy being a part of their child's education, and everyone at Little Miners respects and welcomes your involvement. Parents, grandparents, and friends are always welcome to come speak with the class to share a particular skill or experience related to what we are learning about as outlined on the monthly curriculum calendar. Please let us know if you are interested in being a reading volunteer. We welcome grandparents and friends who may want to get involved with the Lower Elementary classroom.

The LE class also maintains a "wish list" to help supplement the materials and lessons/curriculum throughout the year. Please see the teacher for more information regarding specific items that the class may be in need of if you are interested in donating.

Lower Elementary invites families to host yearly *In Home Socials* to help bring the classroom community together. This special gathering allows the opportunity to learn more about each other and develop life long friendships outside of the school. Please let us know if you would be interested in hosting a social throughout the school year.

Field Trips

The Lower Elementary will attend multiple field trips throughout the school year in addition to special guests coming to the school for an on-site field trip. Some of our favorite off-site field trips are: trips to the local library, local community educational centers, museums, and other destinations related to the curriculum.

In order for your child to participate throughout the year, please be sure to sign the Field Trip Authorization that is part of the Enrollment packet.

LMM relies on parent volunteers to help drive and chaperone field trips. Parents who sign-up to drive are asked to watch and supervise the children assigned to their vehicle during the entire field trip. No child should ride in the front seat and all children must be in a booster or car seat. All parents are required to leave a labeled booster seat for their child at the school on field trip days. LMM will notify parents through SMS, Montessori Compass and/or email about specific field trips.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Twice a year, parent/teacher conferences are held between 9:00-4:00PM at Little Miners Montessori.

School will not be held on conference days, which take place in early October and late March.

All LE students are required to attend conferences with their parent(s) during the 30-minute progress meeting. Please be respectful of other families by sticking to the allotted time frame for conferences. If you have more questions or concerns you'd like to discuss, you may make arrangements with the office to meet with your child's teacher another time.

Throughout the year, please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your child; you do not need to wait until the conference time. Open communication is encouraged and necessary for the success of your child both at home and at school.

Occasionally a problem arises at home, which may affect the child's behavior at school. Please consider informing Miss Subie & Miss Hillary if there are any family or home changes that may affect your child. All information will be kept confidential. Common causes of distress may include: a family member being away for an extended period of time, a new person living in the home, illness, accident or death in the family, separation or divorce, etc.

Dressing for School

It is important that your child feels comfortable with what he/she has chosen to wear for the school day. Please consider your child's comfort when he/she gets dressed and be sure that he/she is dressed appropriately for the weather. As Montessori teachers, we understand and encourage your child's self-expression. A child who shows up with a mismatched top and bottom is not seen as a result of a parent's failed fashion sense, but a child who was allowed to express his or her individuality. During winter

months, we will continue to go outside for recess as long as the temperatures are not dangerously cold. Please provide warm/waterproof gloves or mittens, boots, coats, snow pants, hats, etc. In addition, please bring a pair of slippers or inside shoes that your child can wear during class. Wet, bulky snow boots will be left outside the classroom. Please provide a large zip-lock bag with extra clothing for your child to keep at school in case they need to change during the day due to playground weather or an accident. If this bag comes home, please refill it and return it the following day.

Please label all clothing, lunch boxes, and any other important items your child may bring to school.

Birthdays

It is always exciting to recognize a child on his/her birthday. Prior to their birthday your child will spend some time putting together a personal timeline of their life. This personal timeline will be shared during a special circle celebration with the class on a date/time you will schedule with the teacher. The children will help prepare a favorite snack to share with the class after the celebration. If you would like to bring in something for the class, we ask that the child take the time to make or prepare something special to share with his/her classmates.

Montessori Compass provides you with the Lower Elementary classroom list where parents will have the ability to message each other through the portal. Please use this list when sending out birthday invitations for home parties. To avoid hurt feelings, please do not distribute invitations to individual children at school. If you have something to send home with another student, please give it to the classroom teacher or front office staff to distribute privately.

Toys

We ask that you do not send toys to school with your child. We have specific materials at school for the children to work with during certain times. Please discourage children from bringing anything to school from home. If something does come we will ask the child to leave the item safely in their backpack or cubby. LMM cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced items, please avoid this by leaving all cherished items at home or in the car.

Grievances

Please feel free to bring any concerns to us and we will problem-solve for a mutually agreeable solution. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns about your child or our program, please speak directly to a teacher, administrator or the Director. If this does not resolve the problem, we would be happy to have a meeting with all parties. Our goal at Little Miners Montessori is to resolve problems so that everyone feels a satisfactory solution has been reached. With this type of procedure, compromise is often necessary.

Fundraising Information

Little Miners utilizes fundraisers to provide the best possible learning environment and opportunities for our students. Additional funds from fundraising allow us to continually update our classroom materials, playground equipment, extracurricular activity options, fun events, and teacher education and training. We pride ourselves in offering state-of-the-art facilities and education for all of our students. Fundraising allows for our continual growth as a school and in turn the best educational experience possible for your children. We pick fundraisers that we feel benefit you as much as they do us. Please consider participating whenever possible. We greatly appreciate any support and participation no matter how large or small! Below are a few examples of recurring fundraisers:

Montessori Services Small Hands: During the fall every parent will receive a catalog from Montessori Services. The *For Small Hands* catalog is filled with favorite child-size, age-appropriate, open-ended items, many of which are found in the Montessori classroom. These items make great holiday gifts and Little Miners will receive 15% of the merchandise total purchased by Little Miners families in merchandise credit for the classrooms.

Giving Tree: A couple times throughout the year LMM displays the Giving Tree for families who choose to participate in giving back to the school for social events such as Fall Festival and Graduation Celebration by contributing towards children's activities. Examples are Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Live Music, Food.

Parent Committees:

Volunteering is a cornerstone of Montessori philosophy, and nothing teaches your child this value better than your own example. Most parents who have served on past committees enthusiastically express what a rewarding and fun experience they had serving on a committee. It's a wonderful way to meet other LMM parents and teachers while allowing you to have a direct impact on your child's school experience. Below are some volunteer opportunities LMM has to offer:

<u>Yearbook Committee</u>	<i>To collect pictures, quotes, and school year highlights throughout the year.</i>
<u>Community Service Committee</u>	<i>Encourage an increased sense of appreciation for our community through the organization of donations from LMM family members</i>
<u>Ski Program Committee</u>	<i>Help get as many Little Miners up on skis as possible by helping to organize our fun, safe, instructional program at Park City Mountain Resort.</i>
<u>Learn to Skate Committee</u>	<i>Offer support (on and off the ice) to our Little Miners as they learn to skate at the Park City Ice Arena.</i>
<u>Library Committee</u>	<i>Supplement the LMM education program with books and materials from our local library pertaining to each month's studies.</i>
<u>Social Committee</u>	<i>Help to plan and coordinate our parent/child social events such as the Ice Cream Social and Oktoberfest.</i>
<u>Teacher Appreciation Committee</u>	<i>Help organize daily lunches and gifts for the teachers at the end of the school year.</i>

At any level, we encourage parents to take an active role in your child's education. We understand that all parents' lead busy lives and some have more time to volunteer than others. Each committee requires a time commitment in varying degrees. Even if you only have a few hours to commit for the year, your help is appreciated. Please call or email the front office if you have an interest in volunteering.

All-School Social Events

Little Miners Montessori hosts school-wide events for all families in the LMM community. We would like to give parents the opportunity to meet and socialize with each other while providing the children an opportunity to share their school community with their families. Three socials are scheduled throughout the school year: Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, and Graduation BBQ Carnival. We look forward to hosting these annual events again in the near future.

- Ice Cream Social
- Fall Festival
- Graduation and BBQ

Extra-Curricular Activities

Ski Program:

Little Miners offers a 7/8-week ski program beginning the first Friday in December each year. This program is an extra cost in addition to the yearly tuition. The program is held at Canyons from 1-3PM. The cost of the program includes a certified ski instructor; instructor has a maximum of 2 children who are grouped according to their ability. Registration begins in November through your Enrollsy account.

Ice Skating Program:

Little Miners offers a learn to skate program at the Park City Ice Arena. This program takes place in the spring and runs for 5 consecutive weeks. Registration will be directly through the PCIA website; link will be provided.

***Please Note:** Parents are welcome and encouraged to drive their Little Miners to and from the ski and skate programs and watch their progress. If your child needs transportation to and from LMM an extra cost will be applied. Transportation will be by school van and is limited. Priority is given to students with full-time schedules. Please email or call the main office to reserve your spot.*

Resources

There are many excellent sources of information that can be used to gain a better understanding of Maria Montessori and the Montessori Method. Also, you may find interesting answers to questions that your Little Miner has about the world. You will probably find that your child will come home from school with information as well as questions about a wide array of things: Is a bear a mammal? How far is the sun from Earth? Their experiences in the classroom will foster continued curiosity with the world. Encourage this! Visiting the library or the Internet with your child will enable you both further explore their interests. Listed below are just some of the many resources available for both parent and child.

Websites

The Montessori Foundation

www.montessori.org

Maria Montessori and the Montessori Method:

www.montessori.edu

Montessori Services:

www.montessoriservices.com

Books

The Absorbent Mind, Maria Montessori

Children: The Challenge, Rudolf Dreikurs

Discovery of the Child, Maria Montessori

Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook, Maria Montessori

The Montessori Method, Maria Montessori

Montessori Read and Write: A Parent's Guide to Literacy for Children,
Lynne Lawrence
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