



# Montessori

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SCHOOL OF CAYMAN

## CASA DAILY SCHEDULE 2022 - 2023

### 7:45am – School doors open for the day

- Upon arrival, your child will be greeted at their classroom door by a teacher. The children will put their belongings in their cubbies and lunch boxes in the kitchen. They will be asked to choose to work with an activity until garden time at 8am.

### 8:00am –9:00am Outdoor Playtime

- The Casa children are invited to play freely in our garden, engaging with our many outside toys and in spontaneous play with one another.
- Children are encouraged to wear their hats during garden time and water bottles are taken outside so that the children can hydrate as they need to. Children are encouraged and reminded to drink water throughout their outside playtime. Water bottles are refilled using our filter system as needed throughout the day.
- If you arrive to school when we are in the garden, we ask that each student puts their belongings away in their cubby for the day and joins us with their water bottle afterwards.

### 9:00am – 9:30am Circle Time

- At around 9am each morning, the children will come inside from the garden for Circle Time. They are expected to change their shoes to indoor shoes and wash their hands before joining the group.
- We begin by singing the Cayman National Song and choosing the 'Leader of the Day'.
- We then sing our morning greeting to everyone. We will sing our special songs to help us remember both our days of the week and months of the year. We will also count our calendar days and see whose turn it is to be helper of the day and who will be feeding school animals.
- An interactive style lesson is given based on the weekly project theme and we discuss everyone's thoughts and ideas. Parents will be notified of the weekly project by the monthly newsletter, which

will be emailed and placed in each child's cubby at the beginning of each month. Once circle time has finished, the children are invited to choose a piece of work.

### **Morning Work Cycle & Snack 9:30am – 12pm**

- Once Circle Time has ended, children are invited to choose work freely. They are encouraged to move throughout the various rooms and are encouraged to choose to work with a range of materials. At this time the teachers are moving around the rooms giving individual presentations. Additionally, we will be completing various art and cooking activities throughout the week.
- Snack is set out during the morning work cycle and children are invited to serve themselves and have their snack whenever they choose throughout the morning. Children will also be encouraged to help in the preparation of snack for the day.

### **12:00pm-12:45pm Lunch and Half Day Dismissal**

- The bell with sound to signal the end of our Work Cycle just before 12pm. The children will put their work away and join the group for a story while lunch is being prepared.
- Students are then asked to wash their hands, change their shoes and find their lunch boxes. They then sit down to have their lunch. Half Day Parents are welcome to collect their children from 12:15pm. All half days must be collected by 12:30pm.

### **12:45pm-3:15pm Garden/Outdoor Classroom, Afternoon Work Cycle & Story Time**

- As the children finish their lunches they are asked to wipe their table space and wash their hands and faces. The children will be invited to our Garden for free play or Outdoor Classroom where there are a range of sensorial activities to engage in. Art, washing activities, gardening and water trays are available for the children to explore.
- At 1:15pm the children are asked to join us inside for a brief group time and story before being excused to the environment for the afternoon work cycle. The children are encouraged to move freely in the environment, choosing materials independently. The afternoon work cycle is a time to focus on advanced materials and working with children to develop their early reading, writing, mathematical and cultural skills.

### **Special Activities**

- Our Casa students participate in a variety of extra-curricular lessons on a weekly basis. These include yoga, PE, language lessons and music. The extra-curricular lessons are fit into our school day so that all students are able to participate.

\*Kindly note that our weekly music and PE classes are to be confirmed for the 22-23 year.

\*Yoga Sprouts is offered as an addition extra-curricular activity for our Casa students and is on a first come, first serve basis. The Yoga Sprouts lesson takes place on Tuesdays at 12:45pm.

\*Please also note that we occasionally adjust our daily schedule to best suit the needs of the Toddler students.

### **3:15pm Full Day Dismissal**

- A teacher will bring your child to the classroom door for collection time. Please make sure you have checked your child's cubby and have all your child's belongings before leaving the school.

### **3:15-5:15pm After Care**

- This time is provided for the children who need to stay past 3:15pm. This is recorded daily and billed to you at the end of each month.