



Damariscotta Montessori School

Dear Parents,

We are really excited to begin the Summer Program this year with a new calendar of themes and events including guest visitors and field trips. This year's program will have all new nature and art themes spending a great deal of time in our beautiful "outdoor" classroom. The program is available for children, ages 3-7 (pre-K through first grade). Every week of the program, except the first, will have either a field trip or a special visitor to enhance that week's theme. Field trips and transportation are included in the cost.

Some changes for this year. Due to more stringent DHHS guidelines, we will no longer be able to go to the lake or the beach during the summer program. Instead we will have offsite fieldtrips that coincide with our weekly themes and will have afternoon water play (sprinklers, etc) so a change of clothes and towel will be necessary each day. And due to the ongoing construction, we will be primarily holding the summer camp upstairs of the main building (current Lower Elementary space) to minimize moving the classroom.

Attached you will find an enrollment form for the Summer Program. If you would like for your child to attend please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. This will allow us to plan for summer staffing and enrollment of new children. Children who are already enrolled at DMS have priority for all spaces, even if they are not returning next school year.

Tuition for June 22nd – July 17th (four weeks) is due on June 12th. Tuition for July 20th – August 14th (four weeks) is due on July 10th. Fees for the Summer Program are as follows:

Morning Program (8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

Weekly	\$105
3 Day Weekly	\$85

Full Day Program (8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.)

Weekly	\$140
3 Day Weekly	\$110

Extended Day Program (7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Weekly	\$160
3 Day Weekly	\$125

For billing purposes, the summer program will work on a weekly basis. If you do not need a full week (either during the whole summer or for individual weeks), please contact me to let me know your schedule. I will try to match your schedule up with someone else who needs a partial week in order to share the space and the accompanying cost. As well, if space permits, children who attended DMS during the 2007-2008 school year may attend the program on a per diem basis, with prior approval.

Yours truly,
Chip

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Summer Program 2009



Whether you are looking for a summer day “camp” program or you wish to acclimate your child to the school experience before school begins in the fall, this year’s summer program at DMS is going to be more exciting than ever! Each week, we will focus on a different aspect of exploring art and nature/science, spending a great deal of time in our wonderful “outdoor” classroom. There will be plenty of outdoor activities as well as field trips. Here are the weekly themes:

Week 1: Down on the Farm	<i>With a giggle giggle here and a giggle giggle there and a trip to a local farm, we are sure to have a great week focusing on the barnyard animals and farm machines!. We will even get some crops planted at DMS!</i>
Week 2: Nature Detectives	<i>Find your backpack, binoculars and magnifying glass-there is nature all around us! What plants, birds, animals, insects will we find when we explore the DMS campus? We have invited a local artist to explore nature based art.</i>
Week 3: Down by the Bay	<i>What do puffins nests look like? What do horseshoe crabs eat? How can you tell how old a lobster is? We’ll learn about these and other sea creatures! We will visit the Maine State Aquarium for some hands-on exploration.</i>
Week 4: Fairy Houses	<i>Bring your imagination and respect for nature-we are heading off the trail to build homes for magical mystical forest dwellers.. We are planning a visit to other fairy houses for inspiration.</i>
Week 5: Bugs, Bugs, Bugs	<i>What is that bug? We will become junior entomologists during this week of creepy, crawly adventures, learning to identify and classify helpful and harmful insects! We plan to work with local scientists to discover the importance of bugs.</i>
Week 6: Garden Gourmet	<i>Your apron is optional for this delicious week of camp! We will take advantage of summer’s bounty picking, tasting, preparing ,and cooking delectable summer treats! A berry picking trip is planned.</i>
Week 7: Splatter Kids Art	<i>Kids are encouraged to create at their own pace and get messy! Will be creating art using many different mediums, methods, and projects.</i>
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The summer program will work on a weekly basis for both enrollment and billing purposes for either a 3 or 5 day week. If space permits, children who attended DMS during the 2006-2007 school year may attend the program on a per diem basis with prior approval. Tuition is as follows:

	Hours	5 Day	3 Day
• Morning Program	(8:45 am – 11:45 am)	Weekly Cost: \$105	Weekly Cost: \$85
• Full Day Program	(8:45 am – 3:15 pm)	Weekly Cost: \$140	Weekly Cost: \$110
• Extended Day Program	(7:30 am – 5:00 pm)	Weekly Cost: \$160	Weekly Cost: \$125

Attached is an enrollment form. If you are interested, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. This will allow us to plan for summer staffing and enrollment of new children.

DMS Summer 2009 Program Enrollment Contract

I am enrolling, _____, for the Damariscotta Montessori School Summer Program for the following weeks:

Week	Morning	Full Day	Extended Day	Total
June 22 – June 26				
June 29 – July 3				
July 6 – July 10				
July 13 – July 17				

Total (Due June 12) _____

Week	Morning	Full Day	Extended Day	Total
July 20 – July 24				
July 27 – July 31				
Aug 3 – Aug 7				
Aug 10 – Aug 14				

Total (Due July 10) _____

By signing this contract I understand that my obligation to pay the charges for the summer program is unconditional and that no portion of such charges so paid will be refunded nor will any outstanding charges due be canceled notwithstanding the failure to attend, absence, withdrawal or dismissal from the School of the above student. The term “charges” as used in this contract includes tuition.

I understand that in signing this contract I accept and agree to abide by the terms stated herein and I accept and agree to abide by the School’s educational programs and any modifications deemed beneficial by the School as well as the rules and regulations of the School as stated in the School’s *Handbook for Parents*. I also agree to the policy of the School that transcripts will not be released unless the charges have been paid in full. Furthermore, I agree that in the event of default in the terms of this contract as determined by the School, (i) the above student may not be allowed by the School to continue classes, (ii) if payment is being paid by installment as set forth above, that the School may declare the entire balance of charges immediately due and payable, and (iii) that the undersigned will be responsible for all costs of collection of the outstanding charges including reasonable attorney’s fees. A failure of the School to promptly exercise its rights to enforce the terms of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights for an immediate breach or any subsequent breach thereafter.

Also, I agree that my child(ren) _____, may participate in all school activities, including athletics and any school-sponsored trip away from the campus unless the school receives written notice to the contrary.

Signatures of Parents or Guardians

Mother/Guardian _____

Father/Guardian _____

Date _____