

ACARATH MONTESSORI CENTER KINDERGARTEN/ 1ST GRADE 2012-2013

Thank you for your interest in our program! We look forward to working with your child. Acarath is registered with the Illinois State Board of Education. As such, we are required by law to have attendance requirements. In order to meet these requirements, every child enrolled in kindergarten or first grade must attend five days per week. **Students who choose the Afternoon Kindergarten Class will have a longer Montessori session than the children in the Morning Kindergarten Class.** Therefore the fees will be slightly higher. The duration of time in enrichments and swimming will be in keeping with the rest of the School for the Afternoon Kindergarten class.

Because of the nature of the Montessori philosophy, children at many different academic levels can function and grow in the same classroom. It is important for children to have age appropriate social experiences. For these reasons, Acarath does not support early promotion. Children, who are five by September 1st 2012, will be placed in the Kindergarten class. Kindergarteners will be admitted to the Afternoon class on a space available basis by birthdate until March first. After March first, children will be admitted into this class on a first come, first served basis.

Fees

Acceptance and enrollment in the Acarath Montessori Center contemplates an obligation to participate in one full year's Montessori Program for the months of September through the following May, and that payment of tuition for one full academic year. All tuitions are due and payable on the first day of the academic year in September. However, for the convenience of parents, the Acarath Montessori Center will accept payment of tuition in ten (10) installments due on the 1st day of each month. Deposits against this obligation are required. **Once your child is accepted, deposits are not refundable.** The first installment or deposit is due with your application. The second installment or deposit is due May 1 for enrollment the following September. Your deposits may be applied to the last two of the ten installments required and are not applicable to any other child or other tuition payment obligation during the year. The remaining eight (8) tuition installments are due on the 1st day of each month from September 1 through the following April 1. Any balance of your deposits will be carried over to the following year. In the event your child will terminate attendance at the Acarath Montessori Center in June and will not return for the Summer Sessions or for the following school year, your deposits will be made pursuant to the arrangement for tuition only. Daycare fees must be paid at the time of payment of tuition fees from September 1 through May 1. May fees for full-day students will be prorated based on child care needs and summer camp attendance.

Applicants must fill out the required Registration form provided to apply for the Acarath Montessori Kindergarten Program. In the event your child is accepted, your application will serve as the registration of your child and will secure a position in the Kindergarten Program. Our application fee is refundable only if your child is not accepted in the Acarath Program. Early withdrawal from the Acarath Program is not permitted and does not relieve you of the obligation to pay the full year's tuition required by your agreement. An amount equal to ten full installments as set forth in the fee schedule is due and owing on the first day of enrollment whether or not your child continues in the full, one-year program.

Two payments are required prior to the commencement of the school term. **Payments are not refundable. In the event your child does not remain for the entire school year, payments must be applied to the last month's tuition of the semester and will not be refunded.** Therefore early withdrawal is prohibited. The first installment is due at the time of registration. The second installment is due on or before May 1. September's tuition is due on or before September 1. In the event your child remains at Acarath for the full school year, deposits may be applied ONLY to tuition fees due in the following months of May and June 2013.

Families may choose between half day and full day options.

<u>Am Kgarten</u>	<u>Instlmt</u>	<u>Pm K-1</u>	<u>Instlmt</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
\$9260.00	\$926.00	\$9,680.00	\$968.00	upon registration
	\$926.00		\$968.00	May First
	\$926.00		\$968.00	Sept-April

Please note: The above fee schedule does not include Full Day fees. Full day is available for interested families. Full day allows your child to be in attendance on "modified schedule days", as well as before and after the school day hours. **The additional fee for full day is \$265.00 per month.** This fee is due and owing with the monthly installment on the first of each month for the months of September through May.

Children enrolled for the school day may only attend during the hours their class is actively in session. For the morning class the hours are from 8:45 to 2:15. For the afternoon, hours are 9:15 to 4:00. Students will not be confirmed in the Afternoon Class until March 1, 2012.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED FAMILIES WILL BE GRANTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 10TH. Space in the Kindergarten classes is very limited this year, and kindergarten admission (with camp registration) will be granted on a first come, first served basis.

We are sorry, but we will not confirm any Fall Only (without summer camp) registrations until April 1st.

If we do not have a minimum of 5 children in the First Grade Program by February 6th, we will return deposits and registrations to those who enrolled.

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Registration Form

I AM INTERESTED IN ENROLLING MY CHILD IN THE Acarath Montessori Program. I understand that the program includes swimming, Montessori and enrichment.

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender M F

Parent(s) Name _____ EMAIL _____

Full Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Failure to provide material information regarding the special needs, conditions, or background of the child for whom the application for admission is being made and any material misrepresentation of fact made in this application is grounds for denial of this application or termination of the child's attendance at Acarath Montessori School.

School tuition is a yearly fee payable in ten (10) monthly installments due on the 1st day of each month. Deposits against this obligation are required. **Deposits are not refundable.** The first installment or deposit is due upon registration. The second installment or deposit is due on or before May 1. Your deposits may be applied to the last two of the required ten tuition installments and are not applicable to any other child or other tuition obligation during the year. The remaining tuition installments (8) are due on the 1st day of each month from September 1 through April 1. In the event your child will terminate attendance at the Acarath Montessori School in June and will not return for the summer sessions or for the following school year, your deposits will be applied to your May and June tuition fee obligations. The payments made pursuant to this arrangement are for tuition only. Daycare fees (\$265) must be paid at the time of payment of tuition fees from September 1 through May 1. May and June fees for full day students will be prorated based on child care needs and Camp attendance.

I wish to enroll my child in the School **Day Kindergarten AM class (8:45-2:15)** _____.

I wish to enroll my child in the **Full Day Kindergarten AM class** _____.

I wish to enroll my child in the School **Day K-1 PM class (9:15-4:00)** _____.

I wish to enroll my child in the **Full Day K-1 PM Full Day class** _____.

NOTE: Registrants and participants permit the taking of photos and videos of themselves and their children during School activities for publication and use as the School deems necessary.

[] I understand and agree that the deposits made with registration and on May 1 are **non-refundable**, but may be credited to tuition fees due at the end of the second school semester on May and June as set forth above, and if my child remains for the entire two semester in the Acarath Montessori program or unless other prior arrangements are made. I further understand early withdrawal from the program does not release me from the financial obligation of the yearly fee.

Signature _____ Date _____

