

 **Country Day for Children Preschool**[www.cdaymontessori.com](http://www.cdaymontessori.com) 321-951-8005

Meet the Teachers! Students of both schools will have an opportunities to meet the teachers virtually and visit the classroom. Please choose ONE that fits your family schedule. Classrooms will send home information next week on the schedule and how to connect for this opportunity to view the room and say hello to your teachers.

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 -11:00 am

Look for your invitation from the classroom and sign on through Google Meets (K-6) or Zoom (preschool and VPK)



How can I get involved? We will have virtual PTO meeting beginning in September. These will keep you informed and current. In the meantime, check in with your child's teacher to see if they need any special supplies for the room. You can also donate outdoor plants and mulch to be used around the campus. Continue to clip and save BoxTops or use the app to get money for our school. Your corporation or employer may also make in kind donations to our school. Notes of encouragement to our teachers will go far this year as they negotiate the new way to teach and educate your child. This year, please do not send in food items to be shared in classroom nor in office. We all need to do our part to stay socially distant and safe.



In a **Montessori Classroom**, **Grace and Courtesy** lessons are essentially teaching the children what it means to be polite and how to appropriately communicate his or her feelings. These lessons are often demonstrated at circle time through role-play demonstrations given by the teacher and students who are willing to demonstrate their etiquette. This year it will include wearing masks and social distancing. Other traditional examples may include: greeting someone, asking a question, solving a disagreement, standing in a line, choosing a work, using quiet voices, using materials appropriately, hanging up coats and backpacks, sitting at the line, using the restroom. These lessons will be a part of your child's daily routine and can be carried home. This is our school motto and we are very proud to teach and model respect. We expect families to do the same when interacting with each other at our school. Thank you for being your child's first teacher!



### *Dress Code and Uniforms...* Students in VPK and Preschool may dress

appropriately for play. They should wear closed toed shoes and articles that they can manipulate when using the restroom. Students in K-6 will wear uniforms if attending campus classes and have an option for uniforms at home. Every Friday is a dress down day for all students with clothing appropriate for learning and school. On Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, (10:00 am to 1:00 pm) we will set out gently used uniforms for families to take. If you have any to donate, put in the recycle box for us to sanitize before sharing. Uniforms may be purchased at All Uniform Wear, located at 4335 W New Haven Avenue.

#### **WEST MELBOURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2290 Minton Road • West Melbourne, FL 32904 • (321) 725-9673



We have partnered again with our local law enforcement team to provide security when students are on campus. These trained officers are here to protect your children. Please give them the respect due when on campus. They have full authority as prescribed by the city. They will work on building relationships with our students as well as keeping them safe. We are grateful to have this service for our school.

**Car Loop... The speed is 5mph for safety, there is NO Left turn off school property in designated time, and NO ONE is to be on their cell phone on school property. These are all rules that will be enforced by our officers and are ticket offenses. Let's keep everyone safe!**



Art to Remember is our first activity for our students. They will create a piece of art with our teacher and you will have an opportunity to purchase items as gifts and keepsakes. Look for more information to come as school opens. This project will go through October.



Each year we expand upon our methodology of handling trauma, crisis, and discipline. With the help of Conscious Discipline, our teachers will continue to look ways to support the social and emotion needs of our students. Our school family is an extension of what caregivers do at home. Becky Baily, founder of CD states that, "The School Family creates a fundamental shift in education and classroom management. It will leave coercion, fear and external rewards behind, and step into a world where intrinsic motivation, helpfulness, problem-solving and connection in the classroom."



**Drive through pick up for K-6 students! Come by the school on Thursday, August 20th to pick up materials. Please wear a mask, stay in car, and follow guidelines of social distancing. Your teachers will be there to assist you.**

**10:00 – 10:30 eLearners come to pick up materials, car tags, handbook, folders and planners, headphones left at school**

**11:00 – 11:30 campus learners come to pick up materials, car tags, handbook, folders and planners**

**Drop off cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, and disinfectant wipes to be used in the classrooms.**

For concerns about school operations, contact Cindy Thomas, Head of Schools (321-779-0031)