

Welcome to our 2021/2022 school year

We hope you have all been staying safe and healthy. We are so happy to see our Flowers families once again.

We are hosting a modified open house this year on Friday, August 20th between 9am and 11am. Open house will take place outdoors on the playground. In the interest of keeping our children, our families, and our staff safe and healthy, we expect attending parents to be vaccinated and wearing a mask. We will invite families one at a time inside to view the school.

The first day of school is Monday, August 23rd.

Please bring or FAX your child's immunization records and well child forms to 372-7383. Your child may not attend school without both records on file. If you have questions regarding your child's forms, please contact Bridget. Email: flowersmontessori.school@gmail.com

Please provide the following for all students:

2 water bottles with a photo and your child's name clearly labeled. Lids need to be large to eliminate choking hazards. No straws to ensure sanitation.

Hat with child's name clearly labeled.

Change of clothing. Labeled and in a Ziploc bag.

Washable soft/foldable placemat.

Napping students also bring:

1 cotton crib sheet to cover mat

1 light weight blanket

1 pillow

1 snuggle item (optional)

School policy and procedure changes due to Covid-19.

No adults may enter the building. All children must be dropped off at the front door and screened by Team Flowers before entering the building. Please respect others by socially distancing at least 6 feet from other parents. Please park on the street if the parking lot is full for the safety of others.

Parents must take their child's temperature before bringing their child to school. If your child or any family member has signs of illness, fever, cough or sore throat please stay home.

Staff will screen all children before entering the building by testing for fever and asking the 4 questions upon arrival:

1. Does your child or anyone in your family have a fever of 100.4 or higher?
2. Have you, your child or anyone in your family had any respiratory infection, cough, shortness of breath or low-grade fever?
3. In the previous 14 days have you had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; is under investigation for COVID-19 or is ill with a respiratory illness?
4. In the previous 14 days, have you traveled on a cruise or internationally to another country?

Team Flowers will ask that all children wash hands upon entering the building. We request that children wear shoes that are worn only at school. You can do this by keeping an extra pair of shoes in your car and removing school shoes at your vehicle when arriving and departing. We sanitize the shoes upon entry as well. Please sanitize your child's lunch box and any items entering the building daily.

IMPORTANT: Please arrive to school by 8:30 AM daily. Class starts at 8:30 AM. Team Flowers will be available to let your child in the front door between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM only. No late arrivals please as class starts at 8:30 AM and all team members will be with children teaching between the hours of 8:30 AM and 2 PM.

Please practice **SOCIAL DISTANCING** when interacting with Team Flowers staff. Please keep a safe distance of 6 or more feet.

Please check Facebook daily for updates or closures as information changes frequently.

All food, including snacks and after school lunch, will be from home and in your child's sanitized lunch box. There will be no food from school. We ask that you refrain from adding microwave dishes at this time. There will be no group snack until further notice. Please **WASH** your child's lunch box regularly in a washing machine with bleach.

If your child attends school, you are agreeing to shelter your child at home after school until further notice from the school. You agree to limit exposure to only two environments, your home and school. You agree to limit contact with others for the safety of parents, children and staff.

Parents are asked to sign a waiver stating that you agree to shelter your child at home after school and that you understand there is a global pandemic Covid-19 and will not hold Flowers Montessori School responsible if your child becomes ill.

Parents will phone the school 352-376-4700 (after 2:00 PM) when picking up your child and staff will walk your child out to you. Please maintain social distancing upon pickup.

If your child is attending school, please wash up/bathe and wear clean clothes when attending school. Upon returning home, it is recommended that children remove their clothing and shoes and shower or bathe.

Our staff will be wearing masks. Children are welcome to wear a mask as well. Please provide a lanyard type attachment to the mask so when your child takes off the mask, they can keep it on their person. Make sure their name is clearly written on the mask.

Tuition is due August 1st. We offer three payment options.

1 payment. Entire yearly tuition due on August 1st, 2021.

2 payments. Yearly tuition amount divided by 2. First payment due August 1st, 2021. Second payment due January 1st, 2022.

10 payments divided equally due the 1st of each month beginning August 1st, 2021 and ending May 1st, 2022. No interest will be charged.

Tuition is a contracted annual tuition and not month by month. If you attend during the 2021/2022 school year, you agree to honor your signed contract and will be responsible for tuition payments in the event of a pandemic closure. If you do not agree to this, please contact Michael Kreeger as soon as possible. 283-9198 or email him: mkreeger@ufl.edu.

Love one another. We love you dearly and can't wait to see you!!!

Please know along with the above stated precautions we thoroughly deep clean the school and disinfect the entire school bi-monthly. CLOROX 360 SANITATION is an electromagnetic sanitizing treatment using hospital grade disinfectant in the entire building which disinfects the whole school including materials for 30 days. We are one of the only schools to do this. This method is used in hospitals!

Much love,
Bridget
Team Flowers