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### 1. Welcome Message

Welcome to Montessori Skye View! We are delighted to have your child as part of our learning community. Our microschool is designed to offer a personalized and nurturing educational experience that blends the best of Montessori philosophy with a dynamic, child-centered curriculum.

We believe that every child is an active participant in their learning journey. Our goal is to support children as they explore their unique interests, build independence, and develop a love for learning.

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### 2. Mission and Philosophy

At MSV, we are committed to:

- **Respect for the Child:** We believe in treating each child as a capable and curious learner, who deserves a safe and encouraging environment where they can grow at their own pace.

- **Hands-On Learning:** Emphasizing sensory exploration and learning through doing, using Montessori-inspired materials.
  - **Fostering Independence:** Encouraging self-discipline and decision-making as part of developing independence and responsibility.
  - **Mixed-Age Classrooms:** Encouraging peer learning, collaboration, and leadership among students of varying ages.
  - **Holistic Development:** Fostering emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth, ensuring that every aspect of the child is nurtured.
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### 3. School Hours and Calendar

- **School Hours:** 8 AM - 4 PM, with additional scheduling options.
  - **School Year:** Our school year for the 2025 - 2026 academic year runs from September 2 to May 29. We follow a flexible academic calendar with breaks scheduled throughout the year for holidays, etc.
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### 4. Admissions and Enrollment

- **Admission Process:** To apply, families should submit the application form and schedule a tour or observation session with our Director. All applicants must meet with the team to ensure our school is a good fit for the child's learning needs.
  - **Age Requirements:** We currently accommodate learning for children ages 3 - 12
  - **Enrollment:** Families will receive an enrollment form upon acceptance with detailed instructions for completing registration.
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### 5. Curriculum and Learning Environment

Our Montessori curriculum emphasizes the development of the whole child. Students engage with:

- **Practical Life Skills:** Activities that build coordination, concentration, and independence.
- **Sensorial Activities:** Materials that help children refine their senses and understand concepts like size, shape, color, and texture.
- **Mathematics:** Hands-on materials for exploring concepts like counting, addition, subtraction, and geometry.
- **Language Arts:** Encouraging literacy through storytelling, reading, and writing activities.
- **Science and Nature:** Encouraging curiosity about the natural world through exploration, experiments, and field trips.

- **Cultural Studies:** Fostering an understanding of history, geography, and different cultures around the world.

The classroom is designed to be inviting and flexible, with a variety of workstations and materials that children can choose from to deepen their learning.

While we follow the Montessori method in our teaching and guidance, we ensure that each student is working towards the appropriate state standards, preparing them to be ready for the next academic year, whether they continue at our school or transfer elsewhere.

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## **6. Classroom Guidelines and Expectations**

In our community, we emphasize mutual respect and cooperation. Students are expected to:

- Use materials carefully and responsibly.
  - Respect the personal space and belongings of others.
  - Take initiative in choosing their learning activities.
  - Practice peaceful conflict resolution.
  - Maintain an attitude of curiosity and respect for their peers, teachers, and the environment.
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## **7. Daily Schedule**

A typical day at MSV may look like this:

- **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM:** Arrival and free play
  - **9:00 AM – 10:00 AM:** Work cycle
  - **10:00 AM – 10:30 AM:** Snack and outdoor time
  - **10:30 AM – 11:20 PM:** Work cycle
  - **11:20 PM – 12:00 PM:** Lunch and outdoor time
  - **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:** Quiet time, nap time, some students prepare to go home
  - **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM:** Extracurriculars such as language, crafts, other specials
  - **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM:** Clean up time, closing circle, dismissal
  - **3:30 PM - 4:00 PM:** Pick up and departure
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## **8. Communication with Families**

Communication is key to our partnership with families. We provide:

- Regular newsletters via email and school announcement board to keep families updated on upcoming events and topics.
  - Parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress.
  - An open-door policy where families are encouraged to reach out with questions or concerns.
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## 9. Health and Safety

We are committed to providing a safe environment. Our health and safety protocols include:

- Strict handwashing and hygiene routines.
  - Regular cleaning of the classroom and materials.
  - Allergy awareness and special care for children with medical needs.
  - Emergency procedures and first aid training for all staff.
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## 10. Policies and Procedures

- **Attendance Policy:** We ask that parents notify us of any absences or lateness in advance.
  - **Discipline and Behavior:** We encourage positive behavior through modeling and guidance. We focus on restorative practices, not punitive measures.
  - **Dress Code:** Comfortable, practical clothing is encouraged. Please avoid any clothes not weather appropriate, as we do spend a great deal of time outdoors, as well as any distracting logos or inappropriate messages.
  - **Technology Use:** We limit screen time to ensure that learning remains hands-on and child-centered.
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## 11. Tuition and Financial Information

- Tuition fees for the year: Full time tuition is \$9,900 per school year, part time tuition is \$6,750 per school year
  - Payment plans available are as follows:
    - Monthly over the course of the school year (9 months) or monthly over the course of 12 months for an additional fee. Please note there is NO summer school offered with the 12 month financing.
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## 12. Parent Involvement

We love volunteers and highly encourage parents to become active participants in the school community. Ways you can get involved include:

- Helping with classroom activities or field trips.
  - Volunteering to teach in any specialized subject or unit qualified for.
  - Donations of any school supplies or snacks.
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### **13. Staff and Faculty**

Our dedicated team of educators is here to support your child's learning. Our staff includes:

- **Head of School:** Hannah Olsen, 760-534-0671
  - **Preschool Guides:** Juiselle Valdez, 702-428-1841, Brianna Jackson, 714-809-2273
  - **Elementary Ed:** Layla Nikula, 702-786-8658
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We look forward to an amazing school year learning with your child!