



MSD Presents

Nature Preschool

Summer 2023

Mission/Purpose



The mission and purpose of developing this preschool is to expand the offerings for the families of Montessori School of Duluth and beyond while providing a quality Montessori education layered with nature schooling amongst the naturally rich and vibrant outdoor backdrop that Duluth has to offer.



Ages and Prices

- Serving children aged 4-6
- Full-day tuition, 8:30-3:30 - \$260/week
 - Please inquire individually about ½ Day options
- 20 slots will be available; current families have priority

Logistics



- The Nature Preschool will run Mondays-Fridays, with the exception of July 3 and 4 to observe the 4th of July and June 19th to observe Juneteenth.
- Daily hours will be 8:30-3:30.
- Aftercare options available to add on.
- Each day the children will begin the day with a group gathering to discuss the plan for the day.

Curriculum



Each week will have a fun and exciting theme related to nature as well as ongoing/recurring themes such as recycling, reusing, reducing, composting and gardening. Weekly topics will include the following:

Week 1: Gardening/composting with worms

Week 2: Rocks / fire

Week 3: Insects

Week 4: Weather

Week 5: Butterfly, Bee, Pollinators

Week 6: Birds

Week 7: Biomes

Week 8: Water - rivers / lakes / watershed

Week 9: Animal Tracking / keystone species / animal importance

Week 10: Plant ID/ Foraging

Week 11: Fungi / Tree Importance

Important Dates and Next Steps



- Enrollment for community families opens: March 1st, 2023
- Enrollment closes: April 30th, 2023
- How to enroll:
 - Visit our website (www.montessoriduluthmn.org), click on “Admissions” and then “How to Apply”
 - There, you will find a link to the Nature School application
 - Applications are done through TUIO, our tuition management system
 - If you are already registered with TUIO, please email Michelle (michellegutsch@montessoriduluthmn.org) to let her know you are interested in attending the Nature School, and we will manually register you



Thank You!

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at
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