

## New Tuition Plans for IVMS Early Childhood Programs 2010-2011

As a Montessori school, IVMS strongly encourages families to begin their child's journey as early as possible. Traditionally, Montessori programs include students from three to six years of age in the first cycle of learning. We believe it is critical for children to participate in a full day program over five school days in order to get the most benefit from this experience. We have elected not to participate in the VPK program because of its current policy of requiring schools to admit children on a half-day basis.

We do not believe this policy is in the best interest of the child nor is it appropriate for the design of our program. Mixing part and full-time schedules is difficult for both students and educators for a number of reasons. The most critical being that preparing children for school is not simply about getting a head start on academics, but is also about understanding ground rules, learning grace and courtesy, and developing an ability to negotiate important social and emotional experiences with peers.

We believe that it is not possible to introduce children to a natural balance between academics and social/emotional experiences under the current VPK program requirements. Remember, a Montessori program is designed to be an age-appropriate, high quality SCHOOL experience for this age group and is not intended to replace inexpensive daycare or babysitting. Our staff is highly trained and experienced. The benefits to your child are priceless.

In an effort to stay competitive and supportive of our families, we have developed the following options for three and four year-old students. Students who turn five on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 qualify for our charter program and are not required to pay tuition.

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- *Registration/materials fee for new early childhood students - \$100 non-refundable*
- *Materials fee for returning early childhood students - \$50 non-refundable*
- *10% discount (of 2<sup>nd</sup> child's tuition) for current early childhood siblings*
- *\$75 one-time tuition credit for referring a new student to early childhood program*
- *Students who turn five on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 qualify for our charter program*

### **NEW THREE YEAR-OLDS - \$6,000**

*Turn three on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010*

- **Tuition reduced from \$7,000**
- **10-month plan \$600 per month/ 12-month plan \$510 per month**
- *\$500 Early Bird discount for 3 year-olds who pay the \$100 enrollment fee and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$550 by Friday, May 28, 2010.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$550 will be refunded ONLY if we are notified in writing on or before Friday, July 23, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.*
- *No 12-month plan available*

### **NEW FOUR YEAR-OLDS - \$5,000**

*Turn four on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010*

- **\$1,000 tuition discount**
- **10-month plan \$500 per month/ 12-month plan \$425 per month**
- *\$250 Early Bird discount for 4 year-olds who pay the \$100 enrollment fee and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$475 by Friday, May 28, 2010.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$475 will be refunded ONLY if we are notified in writing on or before Friday, July 23, 2010. . 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.*
- *No 12-month plan available*

### **RETURNING FOUR YEAR-OLDS - \$4,500**

*Turn four on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010*

- **\$1,500 tuition discount**
- **Need to be enrolled for at least 6 months of the 3 year-old year**
- **10-month plan \$450 per month/ 12-month plan \$385 per month**

#### **PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS:**

- *10-month plan begins on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and ends on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011*
- *12-month plan begins on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and ends on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011*
- *Semester payment plan due August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 - (2.5% discount)*

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- *Annual payment plan due August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 - (5% discount)*

### *Tuition Rates for Three and Four year-old Students*

PUBLISHED RATES:	TUITION PLANS	10 MONTH PLAN	12 MONTH PLAN
NEW 3 YR OLDS	\$6,000	\$600	\$510
3 YR OLD EARLY BIRD	\$5,500	\$550	no plan
NEW 4 YR OLDS	\$5,000	\$500	\$425
NEW 4 YR OLD EARLY BIRD	\$4,750	\$475	no plan
RETURNING 4 YR OLD	\$4,500	\$450	\$385

#### *IMPORTANT NOTES:*

*Students turning Five on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 qualify as charter school students. Tuition plans and fees do not apply.*