

Montessori School of Greater Hartford



# Summer Days 2019

June 12 - August 16



# Childhood and Summer

## They Go Hand in Hand

Summer for New Englanders is a long awaited treat, and for children, it is a time of relaxation, play and wonderment. For many, their greatest childhood memories are created during this season.

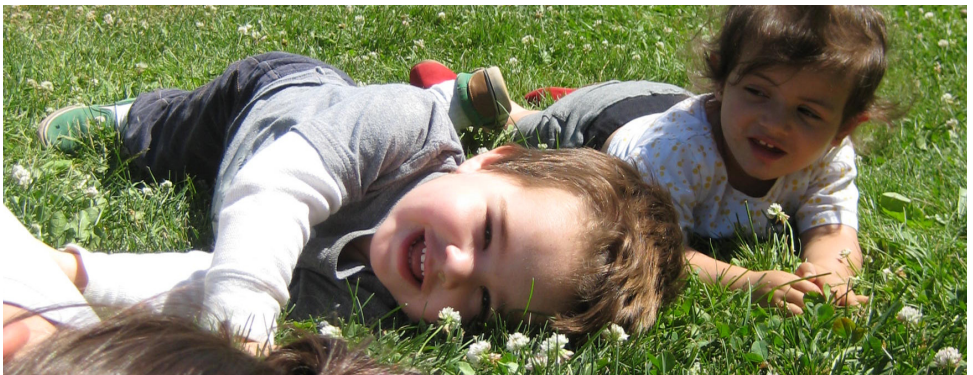


Think back to your own childhood. Which memories are your favorites? They are likely the ones enjoyed during free time. Whether that free time was spent at home, on vacation or during camp, the most lasting memories were probably those spent relishing summer!

Give the gift of free time to your child this summer. Children need a break from the hustle of the school year routines. They need to rest and restore some balance.

We all know what they need, but what do they want?

They want to be outside! They want to play and make up their own rules to their own games. They want to stare up at the sky to find pictures in the clouds. They want to get dirty, giggle with friends, and see things they've never seen before. For young children, summer is simple, and we like to keep it that way for them.



At MSGH, our Summer Days program is rooted in the belief that summer is to be enjoyed at a leisurely pace, yet filled with play, exposure to new and exciting activities and ample time to create, imagine, run, climb, dig, splash...or just “be.” Our format this summer supports these goals. While we do not adhere to a rigid schedule, nor insist upon participation in group activities, there is a consistent rhythm to each day and week. The children feel safe in their routine, yet know that each time they are dropped off, enjoyable experiences await them.

The Natural Playground will be a new and exciting part of our Summer Days program and will offer our children the optimal outdoor environment for exploration and joyful discovery. Special features of the Natural Playground include a climbing wall, a pebble harp, sand boxes, balance beams, and more!

As you plan your summer, you may be considering Summer Days for all of its weeks, or maybe for just one or two as a nice complement to another experience. Children love to be in their school environment and Summer Days can be a nice way for your child to continue to bond with MSGH friends, staff, and teachers, while enjoying the special activities we have planned.



## What's a Typical Primary Week?

We want you to have a calm summer experience that allows for flexibility and down time. Therefore, flexible drop-off times are available.

When children arrive in the morning, they are free to play both indoors and out, and may participate in a variety of activities such as baking, art, gardening, and music.

During the week, special guests will visit mid-morning to engage the children in interactive activities.



Lunch takes place at noon, and after a short rest period, the children enjoy more opportunities to explore alone or with friends.

Always pack a towel and bathing suit for your child as we have a water slide available for cooling off!

## The Summer Classroom

The program is guided by our Montessori trained teachers and assistants who will share the simple joys of summer with your child. The summer Montessori classroom differs from the regular classroom in its appearance, due to the different materials available; however, Montessori is still alive and reinforced via independence, freedom of choice, responsibility and routine. Shelves are arranged by subject, and teachers rotate the materials to ensure that the environment remains stimulating.

**Practical Life** continues to be a part of the classroom experience. Children are supported in their care of themselves and the environment, which allows the child to feel comfortable negotiating his or her space each day and maintains the routines of the school-year classroom.

**Art and Craft** materials such as watercolor paints, pastels, oil pastels, clay, charcoal, chalk, crayons, stencils, rubbing, and cutting and pasting supplies are provided. Children are free to enjoy these materials independently or with friends, and receive guided instruction on technique.

**Science** experiments and materials that introduce concepts like sink and float, living and non-living, etc. are also in great supply, providing inspiration for outdoor application.

**Manipulatives** such as puzzles and construction materials are available to support the development of the child's fine-motor skills.

Dress-up areas complete with costumes and accessories for theatrical play are available.





# Special Summer Primary Activities

Below is an overview of some of the special activities that we have planned for this summer.

## Yoga with Ms. Jill Hebert

Jill has been guiding groups and individuals in the practice of yoga for over 15 years. She has a training in Creative Yoga and Movement for Children, along with Next Generation Kids Yoga training.

Children will have fun practicing age appropriate yoga poses and breathing exercises. Music, creative props, and stories will be utilized during class.

Social skills and self-expression will be explored with partner poses and yoga games. Mindfulness techniques will help children feel calm and at peace with themselves and others.



## Music



A trained and licensed local Kindermusik educator, will bring the world of kindermusik to our community. Weekly music classes will include singing, dancing, exploring a variety of instruments and storytelling—all backed by Kindermusik International's team of early childhood music experts.

## Zoology

The animal kingdom reigns supreme this summer. The Lutz Children's Museum (LCM) offers a program series, focusing on the animal kingdom and classifications including, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects and mollusks and crustaceans. This summer, we will be focusing on the differences of animals from each continent. LCM will bring a variety of animals into the classroom providing the children the opportunity to discuss characteristics, habitats and needs.



Exploration of the animal kingdom will be integrated into the child's daily activities including art, music, and storytelling and through the use of other classroom materials.





## What's a Typical Toddler Week?

Our Toddler Summer Days Program is available to MSGH toddler children ages 15 months to 3 years.

We want your child to embrace new experiences with the changing season, while still maintaining the comfort of the school year routine.

The toddler program is guided by our Montessori trained teachers and assistants. Activities will include explorations of classroom materials and the garden, time to bake delicious snacks for all to enjoy, and a nutritious lunch before nap time. Practical life skills, language enrichment and toileting will be an integral part of the daily program to support your child's physical, social and emotional development.

# Payment

Your child may explore with us for one week or all summer, for either half, full or extended days! Space is limited, so please register early. For the continuity of the program, minimal registration is one week.

Half of the total amount is due upon registration and the full amount is due on April 26. Increased rates do apply if you register your child for the Summer Days program after April 26. Payment must be received prior to your child's start date.

Please make checks payable to MSGH and return them to the Main Office along with a completed registration form. We do not offer daily drop-in rates. No refunds will be given for missed days.





# Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact JoAnne Younger at [Joanne@msgh.org](mailto:Joanne@msgh.org) or call the Main Office at (860)236 4565.

We look forward to sharing our Summer Days program with you here at MSGH.



## MSGH Mission:

The Montessori School of Greater Hartford fosters a strong foundation for confident, compassionate participation in the world by nurturing each child's unique gifts, passion for learning, and independence.

As a community, we enrich families, live our diversity, and embody the Association Montessori Internationale standards of excellence.



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# Registration Form

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1's cell # \_\_\_\_\_

work # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2's cell # \_\_\_\_\_

work # \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications, foods, etc. to which your child is allergic:

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(MSGH strives to avoid the presence of any peanuts or peanut products in the school.)

Does your child nap? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what time and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

A health report dated after 9/1/18 is on file OR

A health report dated after 9/1/18 is attached

I give my permission for the child named above to participate in field trips.

I understand I will be notified in advance of these outings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Please complete the back of this form)



# Registration Form (continued)

Please check your desired time:

	Toddler Primary	Registration before April 26th	Registration after April 26th
[ ]	7:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	\$270/week \$162/*wk I & 4	\$300/week \$192/*wk I & 4
[ ]	7:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.	\$270/week \$162/*wk I & 4	\$300/week \$192/*wk I & 4
[ ]	[ ] 7:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.	\$370/week \$222/*wk I & 4	\$400/week \$252/*wk I & 4
[ ]	[ ] 7:30a.m. - 5:30p.m.	\$470/week \$282/*wk I & 4	\$500/week \$312/*wk I & 4

Please check your desired weeks:

	Toddler	Primary		Week Total
[ ]	[ ]		*Week One.....*June 12- June 14	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Two ..... June 17- June 21	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Three..... June 24- June 28	_____
[ ]	[ ]		*Week Four ..... *July 1- July 3	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Five ..... July 8- July 12	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Six ..... July 15- July 19	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Seven ..... July 22- July 26	_____
[ ]	[ ]		Week Eight ..... July 29- August 2	_____
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**Total cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

Space is limited.

**Half of the total amount is due upon registration.**

**Full amount is due on April 26.**

**\*Weeks One and Four are 3 day mini weeks.**