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**Enrich** your child’s summer experience at Midlothian Montessori!

Campers ages 3 & up participate in creative, engaging guided activities and experiments each week. We enjoy free explorations and lessons in all areas of the classroom—Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math and Cultural.

**Engage** your child’s interest to foster a love of learning...

Real learning happens when you engage your mind, your hands, your spirit, and you **have fun** playing around with stuff! It is with this spirit of adventure that we lead our Summer Explorers into new territory. We integrate the arts throughout our camp experiences. **We remember what we act, paint, sing and create!**

**Explore** the outdoors, and foster play in a positive and respectful social setting...

Ample time outdoors features an outdoor easel, gardening activities (including planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting), group games, and PLAY!

Summer Camp	Half-day (8:30-12:00)	Full day (8:30-3:00)
<b>Explorer Camps</b> -(Peace, Passport, Nature, Planet, Literature, and Blast Off) <b>Specialty Camp</b> - Chess and Games Camp <i>Camps held Mon- Thurs. Half or full-day options; Open to ages 2 ½ and up:</i>	\$279	\$299
<b>Montessori Refresher</b> (3 Days) <i>Ages 2 ½-6</i>	\$229	n/a
<b>Early Bird Savings</b>	Register by April 1 <sup>st</sup> for \$20 off. Register by May 1 <sup>st</sup> for \$10 off.	
<b>Sibling Discount</b>	Register two or more campers at the same time for \$10 off camp fees for the second child.	
<b>Explore it All Package: All 6 Explorer Camps</b> <i>(Chess and Games not included)</i>	\$50 Off Half Day	\$75 Off Full Day
<b>Fun Fridays</b> 8:30-3:00 on select Fridays. Open to Rising Kindergarten and up; must be able to ride in a backless booster car seat for outings	n/a	\$65/ session

DATES	CAMP NAME	DESCRIPTION
<b>Session 1</b> June 12th Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<b>P e a c e Camp</b>	This unique camp brings insight into the nature of peace in ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world at large. Activities will include storytelling with an emphasis on empathy, artistic and musical self-expression, movement, and mindfulness.
<b>Session 2</b> June 19th Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<b>Passport to MEXICO... “A Viajar!”</b>	This is a new theme of camp this summer- as we pack a suitcase, put a stamp on our passport, and become tacky tourists as we learn about different foods, games, and summer traditions in... Mexico!
<b>Session 3</b> July 10th Mon -Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<i>Nature Camp</i>	Always a favorite, Nature Camp features nature walks, gardening, caring for animals, crafts, all while we discover what birds, trees, and mammals populate our region. We hike, dig, garden, take care of animals, cook, and more!
<b>Session 4</b> July 17th Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<i>This Pretty Planet</i>	This Pretty Planet emphasizes earth and life sciences, with special attention to identifying vertebrate and invertebrate animals.
<b>Session 5</b> July 24th Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<i>It's Your Move!</i> <b>Chess and Games Camp</b>	<b>Pre-Beginners:</b> Our littlest explorers will be exposed to chess terms and pieces to spark an interest in the game while participating in an exploratory work cycle In the Montessori environment. <b>Beginners &amp; Up</b> campers learn Chess terminology, piece movement, and various reasoning skills through daily group lessons and individual instruction.
<b>Session 6</b> July 31st Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<i>Launching Literature</i> From Page to Stage	Stories connect us, teach us, and keep a historical record for us. Explore folk tales, fables, and timeless stories from around the world. Daily storytelling with a focus on bringing tales and characters to life through acting, song, and movement.
<b>Session 7</b> August 7th Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<b>BLAST OFF Space Camp</b>	Through hands-on art and science activities, students will build their understanding of the Solar System and Outer Space. Songs, storytelling, movement, and fun activities will make this camp a BLAST!
<b>Session 8</b> August 21-24 Tues-Thurs. Ages 2 ½ -6	<b>Montessori Refresher</b>	Campers utilize the Montessori classroom, choosing from a wide range of academic, art, and practical activities. This camp is a great introduction to the Montessori environment or a refresher for the rising 4-year-old or kindergartener. Music, movement, and games that foster cooperation and executive function both entertain and build school skills.
June 16, 23, 30 July 14, 21, 28	<b>Fun Fridays</b>	Picnic lunches, outings to local parks and playgrounds, cooking, and nature walks... join us for Fun Fridays for Rising Kindergarteners and up. <i>(Must be able to ride in a backless booster.)</i>



## ***Explorer Camp Details***

Explorer Camps are held Monday- Thursday. The Half-day program dismisses at 12 noon, while full-day campers stay for lunch followed by an afternoon session for more explorations, crafts, and free choice.

Dismissal for our Full-Day program dismissal is from 3:00-3:15. Students under the age of 4 may attend the Full-day camp with staff approval; those 5 and under will have a short afternoon rest. Students will bring packed lunches. Families are asked to contribute one snack item at the beginning of the week.

***Goodbye Technology, Hello Summer!***



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY**  
**Spaces are LIMITED**

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