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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 occurs when you engage your mind, hands, and spirit, and you have fun exploring interesting things! 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 (Mornings and Afternoons)	Full day (8:30-3:00)
<i>Camps are held Mon- Thurs. Half or full-day Options</i> <b>Summer Explorers</b> <i>Ages 2 ½ and up</i>  <b>Cosmic Explorers</b> <i>Rising 1<sup>st</sup> Graders and up</i>	<b>Morning (8:30-12:00)</b>  <b>Afternoon* (1:00-4:15)</b> <i>*Returning Montessori students/ campers Ages 6 and up are eligible for the afternoon</i> <b>\$289</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>Early Bird Savings</b>	Register by April 1 <sup>st</sup> for special pricing: Full Day- \$355; Half Day \$285	
<b>Sibling Discount</b>	For registered siblings- \$10 off camp fees for the second child per camp.	
<b>Explore it All Package: 8 or more Explorer Camps</b>	<b>\$50 Off Total Half Day</b>	<b>\$75 Off Total Full Day</b>
<b>Afternoon Care</b>	4:15-5:30 \$59/ week; \$19/ day (ad hoc)	
<b>Fun Fridays</b>	8:30-3:00 on select Fridays. Open to rising Kindergarten and up; <i>must be able to ride in a backless booster car seat for outings.</i> \$79/ session: see registration forms for dates and details.	



DATES	SUMMER EXPLORERS	COSMIC EXPLORERS (Rising 1 <sup>st</sup> grade and up)
<b>Session 1</b> June 8-11 Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<b>Backyard Nature: Local Wildlife and Native Plants: All Ages</b> <div> <div>           Grab your binoculars and bug jars! Campers explore birds, native plants, and insects through hands-on outdoor work, habitat building, and nature-inspired art.         </div> <div>           During this camp week, Cosmic Campers will have the opportunity to step out for a math session focused on <b><i>Multiples and More</i></b>, using hands-on Montessori materials and real-world problem solving inspired by the camp’s nature theme—exploring patterns, multiplication, and skip counting in the great outdoors.         </div> </div>	
<b>Session 2</b> June 15-18 Mon – Thurs	<b>From the Farmstand to the Kitchen: Cooking Camp: All Ages</b> <div> <div>           Using fresh ingredients and child-sized tools, campers build independence, confidence, and healthy eating habits. Sensory-rich cooking experiences and joyful collaboration make learning both meaningful and fun.         </div> <div>           Campers will explore <b><i>Ratio &amp; Proportion</i></b> this week, using hands-on Montessori materials to investigate fractions, measurements, and proportional relationships through real-world cooking activities—measuring ingredients, comparing quantities, and discovering how math shapes the kitchen.         </div> </div>	
<b>Session 3</b> June 22-25 Mon – Thurs	<b>Aquatic Adventures: All Ages</b> <div> <div>           Aquatic Adventures Camp encourages children to explore the wonders of the ocean through hands-on, self-directed learning. Campers investigate marine life, tides, and coastal ecosystems, developing curiosity, independence, and respect for the natural world.         </div> <div>           Cosmic Campers will explore <i>Powers of 10</i> this week, using hands-on Montessori materials to investigate large numbers and decimal relationships through real-world aquatic applications—measuring blue whales, comparing dolphin lengths, and discovering the incredible scale of the ocean world.         </div> </div>	
<b>Session 4</b> July 6-9 Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -12	<b>Story to Stage: All Ages</b> Campers dive into daily storytelling through songs, nursery rhymes, folk tales, poems, and beautifully illustrated storybooks, nurturing literacy, cultural awareness, and a love of language. Daily arts, crafts, music, movement, games, and puzzles engage multiple learning styles for a rich, playful experience. For <b>Elementary Cosmic Explorers</b> , the fun goes further: campers will participate in reader’s theatre and have the opportunity to write and perform short skits.	
<b>Session 5</b> July 13-16 Mon – Thurs	<b>Nature Camp 1: In the Woods: All Ages</b> A perennial favorite, Nature Camp invites campers to explore the outdoors through nature walks, gardening, caring for animals, and hands-on crafts. Along the way, we discover the birds, trees, and mammals that call our region home. Campers hike, dig, garden, care for animals, cook, and more—while <b>older campers enhance their experience by keeping a nature journal</b> , recording observations, sketches, and reflections on the natural world.	
<b>Session 6</b> July 20-23 Mon – Thurs	<b>Nature Camp 2: At the Pond: Ages 2 ½-6</b> Summer Explorers will discover the wonders of pond life through hands-on exploration, observing wildlife, investigating plants, and engaging in water-themed sensory and creative activities. Little campers will hike, dig, and craft as they connect with nature in playful, age-appropriate ways.	<b>Zentangles and Triangles</b> For older campers, the fun extends into <b>geometry and art!</b> Using Zentangle-inspired patterns and triangle-based designs, children explore shapes, symmetry, and spatial relationships while creating imaginative artwork that blends math and creativity.

<b>Session 7</b> July 27-30 Mon – Thurs	<i>It's Your Move!</i> <b>Chess and Games Camp</b>	
<b>Session 8</b> Aug 3-6 Mon – Thurs	<b>Little Storytellers</b> sparks a love of books and stories through hands-on, playful experiences. Campers will explore the elements of good storytelling. Through listening, sharing, and creating their own tales, children develop imagination, language skills, and confidence!	<b>Beginners &amp; Up</b> campers learn Chess terminology, piece movement, and various reasoning skills through daily group lessons and individual instruction.  <b>Teatime Poetry</b> invites Cosmic Explorers to enjoy the art of words in a cozy, creative setting. Campers explore different forms of poetry—haikus, limericks, free verse, and more—while sipping tea, sharing their work, and practicing self-expression. This camp nurtures creativity, language skills, and confidence in creative writing.
<b>Session 9</b> Aug 10-13 Mon – Thurs Ages 2 ½ -6	<b>Montessori Foundations: Ages 2.5- Rising K (half day only)</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.	



## Explorer Camp Details

Camps run Monday through Thursday. Full-day campers stay for lunch, followed by an afternoon of explorations, crafts, and free-choice activities, with a short rest for children 5 and under. Students bring packed lunches as needed, and families are asked to contribute one snack at the start of the week via email request.

For Sessions 1–3, Elementary-aged campers will also participate in a daily math session, blending group lessons, hands-on Montessori materials, and real-world applications connected to each week's camp theme.

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

