

**AMHERST MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
**Program Options**

**THE TODDLER HOUSE PROGRAM**

The Toddler program offers toddlers (eighteen to thirty-three months) an opportunity to experience the Montessori environment for either the morning or the school day. Children arrive between 8:15 and 8:40 a.m. Two dismissal options are available in addition to two aftercare options:

Morning Session (8:15 – 12:45)

Morning Session children attend three, four or five days per week. Children bring their lunch to school and eat at 11:45 a.m. The first dismissal is at 12:45 p.m.

School Day (8:15 – 3:00)

School Day children attend three, four or five days per week. Children bring their lunch to school and eat at 11:45 a.m. At 12:45 they begin settling down for their nap; they rest or sleep until they wake on their own or are woken at 2:30, whichever comes first. When they wake, the children engage in quiet, restful activities. At 3:00 they are dismissed or may go to After Care.

**CHILDREN'S HOUSE (FORMERLY PRIMARY)**

AMS has two Children's House classrooms for preschool children between the ages of two years, nine months and six years. Children arrive between 8:15 and 8:40 a.m. Two dismissal options are available in addition to two aftercare options:

Morning Session (8:15 – 1:00)

Morning Session children attend five days per week. Children bring their lunch to school and eat at noon. Dismissal is at 1:00.

School Day (8:15 – 3:00)

School Day children attend five days per week. Children bring their lunch to school and eat at noon. At 1:00 they do one of the following:

**Nap & Rest (1:00 – 3:00)**

At 1:00, children younger than four years, nine months begin settling down for their nap or rest; they rest or sleep until they wake on their own or are woken at 2:30, whichever comes first. When they wake, the children engage in quiet, restful activities. At 3:00, they are dismissed or may go to After Care.

**Montessori Kindergarten (1:00 – 3:00)**

From 1:00 – 3:00, when children no longer nap and have developed concentration, they are invited to participate in the Montessori Kindergarten program. This is a time when the older children work with activities that require more time and attention with the Montessori Teacher. At 3:00, they are dismissed or may go to After Care.

**THE ELEMENTARY PROGRAM**

AMS has one Elementary classroom for children between the ages of 6 and 10 years. The Elementary program is from 8:15 until 3:00. Elementary children bring their lunch to school. At 3:00, they are dismissed or go to After Care.

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## **AFTERCARE PROGRAMS**

All children are invited to use the Before Care and After Care options. Parents may sign children up for after care on an annual, monthly, or daily basis.

### **Before Care (7:30 – 8:15)**

Children participate in indoor activities before the start of the school day.

### **After Care (3:00 – 4:00 or 3:00 – 5:30)**

The children participate in outdoor and indoor activities such as games, toys, arts and crafts, and cooking.

## **VACATION AND SUMMER SESSIONS**

AMS offers Toddler, Children's House and Elementary Vacation Session during the February and April school vacations, as well as eight weeks during the summer. Children are enrolled for full weeks but have various dismissal options. Summer Session registration is available for 1 – 8 weeks. The camps have separate fees apart from the school year tuition.