

Elementary Scholars Program



An Advanced Studies Program for Lower School Students Ages 6 - 9

In response to the unusual and temporary challenges posed by our times, the Directors and Board of Maria's House Montessori Doylestown have elected to continue offering accredited educational support to families in our area with lower school / elementary students ages 6-9 currently enrolled in virtual or alternative programs. Launched under Commonwealth waiver on May 4, 2020, the Elementary Scholars program provides assistance, guidance and instruction in all lower-school subject areas, supported by enterprise broadband wireless internet access and tech savvy faculty, ensuring the successful completion of all required coursework. But that's just the beginning.

Elementary Scholars at Maria's House have full access to our diverse array of advanced studies, including English grammar, literature, geometry and mathematics, integrated science, fine arts, choral and instrumental music, cultural anthropology, food preparation, botany, zoology, geography and immersive language study. Our program is guided by Montessori Master Teachers, elementary specialists, systems researchers and one of the Commonwealth's most popular experts on the education of gifted children.

The Elementary Scholars program is a high-intensity Montessori Micro-Initiative, with a limited initial enrollment of twelve students using both dedicated and common spaces. Until a vaccine is successfully deployed, the program will operate under the extended CDC protocols adopted by our Directors and Board in April of 2020 (attached below). Due to the broad array of significant disease transmission risks associated with institutional schools, we require a fourteen day period for any student transitioning into our program space from a high-risk environment. While our policy ensures the safety of our students, faculty and families, it does preclude part-time enrollment for students who may be attending other schools. Throughout the pandemic, our clear choice will always be to err on the side of caution.

Given the fluid nature of this particular situation, we offer weekly and monthly enrollments for Elementary Scholars. Regular enrollment is full-day (7:30am to 3:00pm) five-day, with hourly extended care programs available through 6pm. All of our offerings are entirely Montessori in design and delivery. Scholars bring their own lunches, which are held through the morning in commercial refrigeration units. A wide variety of healthy seasonal and ethnic foods and snacks are always available.

Tuition for the Elementary Scholars Program is outlined below. Grant information can be found in the *Inquire* section of our website. Thank you for your interest in Maria's House. Stay safe.

PROGRAM	Per Week	Per Month
Full Day (7:30am-3pm)	\$ 324	\$ 1,360
Tea & Interesting Things (3pm-4pm)	\$ 374	\$ 1,550
Maria's Academy (4pm-5pm)	\$ 424	\$ 1,740
Retreat & Flag Lowering (5pm-6pm)	\$ 454	\$ 1,930



TOGETHER SAFELY—Summer 2020



DROPOFF

- ◇ Your family will receive your very own five minute drop-off window
- ◇ Please pull up to the porch as usual, and then...
- ◇ please escort your child from your car to our door
- ◇ While you wait, our staff will:
 - ◇ escort your child into our vestibule
 - ◇ check your child's temperature
 - ◇ talk with your child about how they're feeling
 - ◇ visually inspect your child
- ◇ If we have any concerns, we'll speak with you about them
- ◇ If all is well, you'll be on your way, and your child will enter the House



ENTRY: SCRUBBING, MASKING AND OTHER FUN THINGS

- ◇ Explorers will head directly to our lavatory for a good handwashing
- ◇ While they do that, a staff member will wipe down and stow lunch bags / boxes
- ◇ After scrubbing, your child will receive their own personal mask
 - ◇ Olson pattern
 - ◇ Soft, breathable layered 100% cotton
 - ◇ Comfy cotton jersey head ties (rather than ear loops)
 - ◇ Each child will have two masks for their exclusive use
 - ◇ Masks are laundered at the end of each day
- ◇ Our staff will also wear masks for our mutual protection
- ◇ Disposable individual facial wipes are used throughout the day
- ◇ Sunscreen is applied with disposable individual applicators

INTERDAY

- ◇ Our usual 20 second Montessori handwashing will occur
 - ◇ after any hand-to-face contact
 - ◇ after entering or re-entering the House from outside
 - ◇ after toileting
 - ◇ prior to and after food handling
- ◇ Staff will maintain our regular practice of wiping surfaces throughout the day
- ◇ As always, our lavatories and program space are disinfected daily
- ◇ Our disinfectant is a chlorine-free 80% alcohol solution



PICKUP

- ◇ Your family will receive a customized five minute pickup window
- ◇ Please pull up to the porch as usual and wait in your vehicle
- ◇ A staff member will escort your child to your car
- ◇ We'll report to you about your child's day at that time
- ◇ We ask that you help us maintain physical distancing during dropoff