



February 13, 2017

Welcome to ***Live Out Loud for the Arts*** for Nido, Toddler, Primary and Elementary children for summer 2017!

This summer the students at Discovery Montessori will spend their days exploring the arts. The enclosed information applies mostly to Toddlers, Primary and Elementary aged children, but we plan to get the babies involved as well! At each level, a Montessori work-cycle will continue that will have an emphasis in Math and Language materials.

**The summer program at Discovery Montessori will run from Monday, June 5 to Friday, July 28, 2017.** Sessions will be in two-week increments. Attached you will find an outline and a description of the focus for each session. The rates for the Summer Program and an application are also attached. These rates include the in-house field trip fee. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided by the school.

After careful consideration, we have decided to have children bring their lunches this summer. Discovery will resume the unique food program that has become a part of the fabric of the school beginning in the fall. There will be a morning and afternoon snack provided daily. Snack options will include the variety of fruits and vegetables available in the summer.

Additionally, we are scheduling in-house field trips for each session this year. We are pleased to be partnering with local artisans to bring a variety of cultural experiences to Discovery. Once they have been scheduled, we will share a detailed description of those additional cultural experiences. There is a \$20/session cost for field trips, which is indicated on the summer enrollment application and included in the total cost for each session.

June will mark the beginning for transition in the physical location of Discovery, with the goal being in our permanent home in August 2017! We have contacted a local school in the area to share some of their space for summer. The summer space will be within the three mile space we have earmarked as the location most suitable for the commute of our current staff and families. **We are still committed to providing prompt communication as soon as final details have been made. Rest assured you will have ample notice of the summer location.** Lori has offered the current building as a plan B. We appreciate her generosity and are keeping that as an option.

*More Information about the Elementary Summer Program:*

The Elementary Summer Program is specifically geared toward the interests of our Elementary children. Each two-week session will include more in-depth studies related to the arts----art design, music, theatre and dance. The Elementary Summer Program is open to students who would be in the Elementary program (1st-6th grades) for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, our students are encouraged to "invite a friend to camp" this summer. This means that the Elementary Summer Program is open to family and friends of Discovery students as well! In addition to in-house field trip experiences, students in the Elementary Summer Program will occasionally participate in "Going outs" away from school as extensions to the art program, through partnerships with the library and The Seven Arts Center.

**Spaces are limited in our *Live Out Loud for the Arts* summer program. There will be one Nido, Toddler, Primary and Elementary community during the summer. Please submit the attached application by Friday, February 24, 2017 to reserve a space for your child. Beginning Monday, March 13, 2017 the remaining spaces will open to new families.**

We appreciate your commitment to Discovery Montessori and welcome the opportunity to share our summer with you and your children!