

Friendship Montessori School **New Student Questionnaire**

This questionnaire is designed to give the teachers at Friendship Montessori School specific information about your child as they start school. Having this information will help us make the transition from home to school more comfortable for your child. If there is a major event in your family's life (pregnancy, death of a pet, change of homes, divorce) please let us know as it may affect your child's needs and behavior.

Please complete this form (it is fun writing about your child!) and return it when you come visit the classroom. Thank you!

Please print your child's full name.

What name does your child go by?

Prior to this year, has your child been regularly to a babysitter's, childcare, or preschool, without you? Where and when?

Do you anticipate any particularly difficult transition times for your child, for example: saying good-bye in the morning, or relaxing at rest time?

Please list the names of the people in your household. Include ages of siblings and, if applicable, the school/childcare center they attend.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE (sibling)	SCHOOL
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What names does your child use for Mother and Father?

Are your child's grandparents living? What names does your child use for them?

Does your family have any pets? Please list (including names.)

Besides English, is there any other language spoken in your home? If so, which language does your child usually use at home?

Many children are introduced to Baby Sign Language before they become verbal. Does your child currently use sign in place of speech?

At school, we will encourage children to verbalize, instead of or in addition to, signing. Please support this at home.

Are there any special words, either non-English or pretend words (wiggies for toes, for example) which we may have difficulty defining?

Is your child using the toilet (*children in Primary must be potty-trained. No Pull-Ups or diapers in Primary.*) If not, how far has training progressed?

Does your child need help in the bathroom with buttons, zippers, wiping after a BM?

Does your son sit or stand to urinate? How good is his aim?

Does your child remember to say when they need to use the bathroom?

What words does your child use for urination? Defecation?

Does your child have any fears we should know about, such as insects, loud noises, storms?

Tell us a bit about your child's eating habits, including comfort in trying new foods, staying at the table to eat, ease in using utensils and drinking from a non-lidded cup.

Does your child usually sleep during the day? If so, what time do they usually go down and for how long?

Pre-Primary only: does your child use a pacifier or bottle for nap at home (*remember, no bottles at school.*) If a pacifier is coming to school, it will be kept in the backpack or cubby until rest time. What does your child call the pacifier?

Does your child have a transition object, such as a blanket or stuffed animal, which will be coming to school?

Do you suspect your child has any allergies (food, animals, plants)?

Has your child ever been stung by a bee or wasp? If so, what was the physical reaction?

List a few of your child's favorite things to do and talk about.

What words would you use to describe your child?

Who will be bringing your child to school? Will this person be likely to have difficulty separating from the child (be honest!)

What is the best way to help your child calm down from an upset? Cuddles, distraction, giving them space?

Please know that we want school to be a wonderful, welcoming place for your child. We try to meet the needs of each child while also guiding them to be an active and generous member of their school community. If questions or concerns come up, please discuss them with us. Your child won't be totally comfortable being here if they feel you have doubts!

Don't be surprised when your child refers to the teachers by first name only. This is customary in a Montessori program, and is never equated with a lack of respect.

You have the rest of this page to tell us anything else you would like us to know about your child.