



2021-22 Campus Guidelines

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

	Arrival Time (Gates Open)	Dismissal Time (Gates Open)
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	3:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Friday (Early Release)	8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

For arrival and dismissal, please utilize the vehicle access lane around the building so students can begin and end their school day independently and safely. This process encourages the greatest independence in the child. If you would like assistance with a departing ritual, there will be an adult at the vehicle drop-off zone to facilitate as needed. Vehicle traffic flows one way on both sides of the building. Do not turn around and drive against traffic. The speed limit around the building is 5 mph.

For the 2021-22 school year we will continue our campus protocols for arrival and dismissal. **Students will be dropped off/picked up, welcomed, and dismissed from school via the car-line only; no late arrivals and no early pickups.** During car-lines, our staff will be supporting arrival and dismissal, and the front door will be locked. Families will be asked to remain in their car while their students are welcomed by an adult and greeted promptly by their guide who will be close by. If time is tight for you, please be sure to arrive on the earlier side of the drop off/pick up window and please have patience while students, staff, and families are learning and mastering the new protocols.

CAR-LINE / VEHICLE ACCESS LANE

- Use one-way route to **vehicle drop-off and pick-up zone** on the south side of our building: area is designated by traffic cones and safeguarded with planters to ensure the safety of our children.
- **Morning Arrival:** Students exit vehicles **on the driver's side only** in drop-off zone's striped landing strip and are escorted to the building by an adult.
- **Afternoon dismissal:** families wait in vehicle access lane until student is escorted to vehicle in pick-up zone. Helpers will be on hand to facilitate the process.
- Exiting and entering vehicles is done on the driver's side only – no children may exit on the passenger's side.
- Please keep dogs away from windows of your vehicle during drop off and pick up.
- Children must enter or exit on the passenger side of cars in order to avoid crossing between cars.
- No pedestrians in the car-line.
- Cyclists must obey all safety and traffic laws and practices. Children must remain on the bicycle and in their helmets until their turn in the unloading zone.

NUT-FREE & SESAME-FREE CAMPUS

RMCS is a **nut-free and sesame-free campus** to protect children with life-threatening allergies.

Please support the children and our school community by providing a safe and healthy environment for all of the children at RMCS and do not send snacks or lunch items to school containing nuts, sesame seeds, or products containing such.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

All students are expected to attend school every day and to arrive on time by 8:15 a.m.

Regular attendance and on time arrival to school are essential for your child's development and to ensure that they receive the greatest benefit from their experience at RMCS.

As a public school, RMCS is required to submit detailed attendance data, including the reasons, to the State of California, and to track tardiness as a component of student attendance records. **If your child will be absent, please notify us by completing the [Absence & Illness Report Form](#) for each day your child is absent.** The form can be found online at rivermontessoricharter.org/attendance will ask for your student's name, classroom, and reason for the absence.

In order to best support student learning, health and dental appointments should be scheduled after school or on Friday afternoons, our early release day.

AUTHORIZED NON-PARENT PICK-UPS

Only those adults listed on your child's Emergency Contact Information form are eligible to pick your child up from school. **If you would like to authorize someone other than those listed, you must provide written authorization to the office before noon.** For your child's safety, notifications by phone and changed during carline will not be accepted.

PARKING

When parking your car, please utilize the RMCS designated spaces **in front of the office** along the UPS lot. Spaces located on the East side of the building (along the Ellis Creek lot) are reserved for our neighbors at Cypress Primary School. Please be a good neighbor, allow them their own traffic and parking practices, and park on the street if necessary. If RMCS parking is full, you may park on the street or in the Ellis Creek overflow lot.

PARENT SUPPORT: VOLUNTEERING & DONATIONS

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, River will not be able to have any volunteers on campus for the time being.

Please be sure to throw ALL of your volunteering and support into our very own, [River Montessori Foundation!](#)

Looking to donate school supplies? Check out our [School Supply Donation Wish Lists](#) for each level! [TK / K](#) | [Lower El](#) | [Upper El](#)

RIVER CREW CHILD CARE *River Crew fees apply to morning and after-school care*

We are so excited to be able to offer full time River Crew care this 2021-22 School Year! Childcare begins on the first day of school, July 21st, for both before and after school care. If you are interested in care, please complete the [2021-22 River Crew Registration Form](#) which can be found in the *Forms* tab in [Transparent Classroom](#).

Due to continued COVID-19 safety protocols, our updated guidelines for River Crew are as follows:

- Morning Care and After Care is available in the River Crew Cove.
- Pre-registration is required / No drop-in childcare.
- River Crew will now **only** have designated drop-off and pick-up times:
Carline DROP-OFF (7-7:15am)
Carline PICK-UP (4:30-4:45pm or 5:45-6pm)
- Children picked up from River Crew must be signed out by a parent/guardian.
- Registration is due monthly (by the 25th) in order to secure your child's spot for the following month. Registration is prepaid and committed to monthly. You may choose to use fewer days of care than registered, but there will be no pro-rations for missed days.
- Break Camps will be offered on a pre-registered/pre-paid basis only.



Dear RMCS Families,

River will be conducting emergency drills throughout the school year so that students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency. Another important component of emergency preparedness at school is ensuring that each child has a small emergency kit on site, and that each classroom has a store of basic first aid and emergency supplies. We ask that you support your child and the school in these efforts by sending the following items for your student. Most of these items can be purchased at the local drug store. These kits will be returned to you at the end of the school year.

Write your child's name, date, and classroom clearly on the outside of a one gallon zip-lock bag with a waterproof marker (one bag per child please). Then assemble the following items in the one gallon zip-lock bag.

1. A plastic garbage bag that can double as a rain poncho
2. Food such as jerky, energy bars, or granola bars (4) **(nut and sesame free)**
3. A dust mask
4. Water or juice boxes (2)
5. An emergency solar blanket
6. Band-Aids
7. A family photo, small card game, or a comfort item that will fit into the bag and have meaning for your child
8. Whistle on a lanyard
9. A flashlight with batteries (optional)

Please bring your student's personal emergency kit to your child's classroom during the first week of school. Classroom staff will make sure it is placed in the Emergency can for your child's classroom.

Emergency preparedness is very important at school and home. Please practice with your child what to do in case of an emergency in your house. Have kits prepared for home and in the car. For information about what should go into these kits and how to make an Emergency Plan for your family, visit:

<http://www.sf72.org/supplies>

<http://www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/BeInformed/NaturalDisasters/Pages/NaturalDisasters.aspx>

Thank you for helping your student and River prepare for an emergency. If you need help with your kit or have questions, please contact the school office at 707-778-6414.



Estimadas Familias de RMCS,

River estará realizando simulacros de emergencia cada mes durante todo el año escolar para que los estudiantes y el personal estén preparados en caso de una emergencia. Otro componente importante en la preparación de emergencias en la escuela es garantizar que cada niño tenga un pequeño botiquín de emergencia, y que cada aula tenga suministros básicos de primeros auxilios y de emergencia. Le pedimos que apoye a su hijo y a la escuela en estos esfuerzos mediante el envío de los siguientes materiales. La mayoría de estos artículos se pueden comprar en las tiendas locales. Estos equipos se le serán devueltos a usted durante la última semana del año escolar.

Por favor; escribe el nombre de su hijo, la fecha y salón de clases claramente en el exterior de una bolsa sellada con un marcador a prueba de agua (una bolsa por cada niño, por favor). A continuación estos son los artículos que nos gustaría que pusiera en la bolsa sellada.

1. Una bolsa de basura de plástico que se pueda doblar como impermeable.
2. Alimentos tales como carne seca, barras de energía, o barras de granola (4) **(libre de granos como cacahuates, nueces, semillas de sésamo etc)**
3. Una máscara contra el polvo
4. Botellas de agua o de jugo (2)
5. Una manta solar de emergencia
6. Curitas
7. Una foto de familia, pequeño juego de cartas, o un elemento de confort que tenga un significado para su hijo
8. Silbato con un cordón
9. Una linterna con baterías (opcional)

Favor de traer el botequin personal de emergencia a el salon de clase de su hijo, por la segunda semana de clases. El maestro del aula se asegurara de poner el kit de emergencia en el lugar que le corresponda a su hijo. La preparación sobre cualquier emergencia es muy importante tanto en la escuela, como en el hogar. Por favor practique en casa con su hijo lo que se debe hacer en caso de una emergencia. Asegúrese de tener un kit preparado en el hogar y en el coche. Para obtener mas información sobre lo que debe ir en estos kits y cómo hacer un plan de emergencia visite:

<http://www.sf72.org/supplies>

<http://www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/BeInformed/NaturalDisasters/Pages/NaturalDisasters.aspx>

Gracias por ayudar a su estudiante y a River a prepararse en caso de cualquier emergencia. Si usted necesita ayuda con su kit o tiene preguntas, por favor póngase en contacto con el personal Administrativo de River a el teléfono 707-778-6414.



July 16, 2021

Dearest River Families,

Welcome back!

We are eager to see your faces, to begin anew, lessons, observations, and share successes with you and your children. As we move forward from last year's experiences and learning, we've put in place solid learning growth plans.

One such plan is to expand students' practice and growth in Math and Language Arts, via the tried and true IXL program that we have used for a few years now. The students will have the opportunity to work in IXL four times during the week at school. This trusted personalized learning platform is aligned with California State Standards, allows us to pinpoint what students know, offers recommendations that help each student fill knowledge gaps and grow from where they are, and offers teachers insights for effective instructional planning. Kids love seeing their progress, and this program helps them experience it.

The great news is, in addition to the four times each week that students will be practicing their IXL skills at school, they can engage with IXL from home on a number of devices like tablets, smartphones, and computers. Each student will have their own sign-on ID and password, and it's that easy to engage and bolster their learning at school and home.

Fun Facts we have collected from last year:

- 90 percent of the students who regularly practiced in IXL made significant progress
- In most cases, students smart scores improved one or two whole grade levels
- A number of students **asked** for additional practice sessions in order to improve
- Among the students who practiced IXL regularly, we saw improvements in their year-end assessments
- Parents report appreciating the IXL program in determining where their children are in their learning and watching them grow.

We look forward to partnering with you and your students as they explore with curiosity every learning opportunity!

Here's to a great year of learning growth and collaboration,

Your Montessori Guides and Educational Support Staff



16 de julio de 2021

Queridas familias de River:

¡Bienvenido de nuevo!

Estamos ansiosos por ver sus caras, comenzar de nuevo, lecciones, observaciones y compartir éxitos con usted y sus hijos. A medida que avanzamos a partir de las experiencias y el aprendizaje del año pasado, hemos implementado planes sólidos de crecimiento del aprendizaje.

Uno de esos planes es expandir la práctica y el crecimiento de los estudiantes en matemáticas y artes del lenguaje, a través del programa IXL probado y verdadero que hemos utilizado durante algunos años. Los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de trabajar en IXL cuatro veces durante la semana en la escuela. Esta plataforma de aprendizaje personalizada confiable está alineada con los Estándares del Estado de California, nos permite identificar lo que los estudiantes saben, ofrece recomendaciones que ayudan a cada estudiante a llenar las brechas de conocimiento y crecer desde donde se encuentran, y ofrece a los maestros información para una planificación educativa efectiva. A los niños les encanta ver su progreso y este programa les ayuda a experimentarlo.

La buena noticia es que, además de las cuatro veces por semana en que los estudiantes practicarán sus habilidades de IXL en la escuela, pueden interactuar con IXL desde casa en varios dispositivos como tabletas, teléfonos inteligentes y computadoras. Cada estudiante tendrá su propia identificación de inicio de sesión y contraseña, y es así de fácil participar y reforzar su aprendizaje en la escuela y en el hogar.

Datos curiosos que hemos recopilado del año pasado:

- El 90 por ciento de los estudiantes que practicaron regularmente en IXL lograron un progreso significativo
- En la mayoría de los casos, los puntajes inteligentes de los estudiantes mejoraron uno o dos niveles de grado completos
- Varios estudiantes pidieron sesiones de práctica adicionales para mejorar
- Entre los estudiantes que practicaron IXL regularmente, vimos mejoras en sus evaluaciones de fin de año.
- Los padres informan que aprecian el programa IXL al determinar dónde están sus hijos en su aprendizaje y verlos crecer.

¡Esperamos poder asociarnos con usted y sus estudiantes mientras exploran con curiosidad cada oportunidad de aprendizaje!

Este es un gran año de crecimiento del aprendizaje y colaboración.

Sus guías Montessori y personal de apoyo educativo

River Montessori Charter School 2021-22 Calendar

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SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION	
Regular School Day Session	
Monday - Thursday: 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Friday: 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
First Day of School - July 21, 2021	
Last Day of School - June 3, 2022	

NO SCHOOL	
Partnership Meetings / Early Release	
Faculty Workdays/Professional Development	
School Break	
Holidays	
7/4/21	Independence Day
9/6/21	Labor Day
11/11/21	Veterans Day
11/25/21	Thanksgiving
11/26/21	Day After Thanksgiving
12/25/21	Christmas Day
1/1/22	New Year's Day
1/17/22	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/14/22	Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
2/21/22	Presidents' Day
5/30/22	Memorial Day

EXTRA CURRICULAR	
Bridge to Success Program	
July 19 & 20, 2021	
<i>Program details to follow</i>	
River Crew Child Care Program	
All River Crew Care Dates are TBD	Fall Break
	Thanksgiving Break
	Winter Break
	Spring Break
	Professional Development
	Summer Camp