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Dear Prospective Family,

We are delighted that you are interested in learning more about Montessori at Samish Woods.

Samish Woods offers a rare opportunity for your child to experience a preschool through 6th grade Montessori education. We are one of thousands of Montessori schools that have been educating children with proven results for 100 years. All lead teachers have college degrees and are Montessori certified. Samish Woods is an approved Washington state private school with a limited number of scholarships available.

Situated in Bellingham, Washington on a beautifully treed site with a year round creek, Samish Woods offers a living environmental laboratory where peaceful interactions and problem solving skills are modeled and taught. Creative explorations in the arts are valued along with integrated math, language and science. This assures every child a well rounded education. Each child receives individual attention balanced with small and whole group lessons. Children learn at their own pace and receive developmentally appropriate lessons. The multi-age, three year cycle provides the stability and continuity needed for each child to thrive as an individual and within a class community.

There are typically 20-24 children in each classroom with a lead teacher and an assistant.

## 3-6 Classroom

- Morning session hours are 8:45 am to 11:45 am.
- New 3 year old students need to be three by September 1st and toilet trained. Typically 3 year olds attend 3 days a week.
- 3 day tuition ~ \$4175 a year Supply fee ~ \$125
- 5 day tuition ~ \$4975 a year Supply fee ~ \$150
- Tuition includes weekly music lessons.

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## Kindergarten Classroom

- Kindergarten students attend class Monday-Thursday 8:45 am to 2:45 pm, and Friday from 8:45 to 11:45 am.
- This 5 day program functions as a transitional year between preschool and grade school.
- Kindergarten tuition ~ \$6875 per year
- Supply fee ~ \$150
- P.E Fee ~ \$50
- Tuition includes weekly Spanish and music lessons, as well as a field studies component.

## 6-9 and 9-12 Elementary Classroom

- Students attend class 5 days a week from 8:45 am to 3 pm.
- Tuition ~\$8450 a year
- Supply fee ~ \$150
- Tuition includes weekly Spanish and music lessons.
- The 6-9 class has an additional \$100 fee for weekly yoga instruction.
- The 9-12 class has an additional \$200 fee for their special P.E program comprised of activities such as swimming, yoga, ice skating, rock wall climbing, basketball, field sports, downhill skiing, gymnastics and dance.

## If you are considering enrollment for your child, please take the following steps:

- 1) **Observe the prospective classroom**. We schedule parents to view the classroom environment one family at a time. Please call for an appointment.
- 2) Request and complete an enrollment application and return it with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the appropriate waiting list.

Re-enrollment for current students takes place in February.

New students are notified of placement by April 1st.

If you would like to schedule a visit or have any questions, please call (360) 650-9465 or email sarah@samishwoods.org.

We look forward to sharing the children, staff and site that make Montessori at Samish Woods such a stimulating and dynamic learning environment.