



Welcome to MLA Summer Program 2023

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It's great to meet the new and old friends again for fun and relaxing summer!

Students will continue learning Japanese language and culture in the Montessori style classrooms.

Ms. Dena's art class will continue for non-napping students in the afternoon.

- Japanese traditional dance and shamisen performance
- Field trips – We will go out for the field trip for 2-3 times during the summer. Dates and destinations to be announced later.
- Bon-Odori Japanese folk-dance lesson
- Tsukasa Taiko performance
- Art Class with Ms. Dena – Mattise, Monet & Me!
- Show & Tell and Look & Listen
Boys group and Girls group alternate Friday morning show and tell. Each day is indicated with letters “B” and “G” on the monthly calendar.
- **Water Splash** – On the hot days, teachers will sprinkle kids with sprinkler and take out the wading pool so kids can play with water outside. No need to bring bathing suits or special gears, but please make sure your child has enough changes when their clothes get wet.



Things to bring

- **Sun protection**

Wide brim hat for outside playtime is recommended. You may bring sunscreen to leave at school so children can re-apply before going outside – Medication dispense permission form is required. MLA staff will supervise the sunscreen application at school, but the staff will not apply them directly on children's skin. Please do thorough sunscreen application in the morning before coming to school. Please label the bottles clearly, we do not allow children to share sunscreen.

- **Change of clothes (nap items for napping kids)**

Even if your child is potty-trained, accidents and spills happen. Children also play with water inside and outside the classroom. Please make sure your child has the following spare items at school – underwear, socks, shorts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirt.

When we start watering the school garden, children's socks will get wet – Please make sure they have enough changes at school

- **Room shoes**

Children leave their outside shoes at the drop off area and change into their room shoes. Please bring a pair of thin-soled shoes for the classroom. Japanese school room shoes can be purchased from MLA for \$15 a pair. Please bring extra socks if the children come to the school without socks. For the outside play, we suggest close-toed gym shoes for children's safety; sandals with heels, flip flops, clogs, and crocs are **not** recommended.

- **Backpack**

Children will need a backpack to carry the items below – Please choose a backpack with wide openings so the young children can find things inside easily.

- **Lunch**

Please pack a nutritionally balanced lunch in a container that your child can open and close by him/herself. Please include an ice pack as lunch boxes cannot be stored in the refrigerator. Lunch time is usually around 11:30am.

- **Snack**

There will be two snack times 10:30am and 3pm. Please pack snacks in your child's backpack so he/she can open and eat independently. Please don't forget to pack fork and spoon for the snack, too.

- **Water bottle**

Please chose the type with the spout that can be closed. MLA staff will refill the water bottle with fresh water as needed.

- **Extra masks**

Please pack extra masks so the children can use when the school staff decides the masking is needed.

- **All-in-one nap mat for children who will take nap**

The nap mat will be sent home on Friday for washing

- **Work folder to take finished work home**

Teachers will collect the finished work from children's cubbies on Friday and send them back home. Large enough folder with zipper is recommended to prevent the children's work from damaged.

- **Elementary age students (2nd grade and up): A workbook or a reading material for elementary age children who stay after 1:30pm. Please communicate with MLA staff if your child has summer homework to be completed.**

- **Do Not Bring** - Jewelry, toys, money, candies and yogurt in a tube, vitamins, electronic games, phones, OTC creams, ointments, medicines....

Illness

MLA will continue with the Covid safety guidelines this summer. Please keep your child at home when he/she has fever, runny nose and/or diarrhea. Please communicate to the school about the reason of the absence if your child is staying home.

Pick up- Drop off Procedures

- Drop off time 8:00-9:00am
- Pick up time for Plan B is between 3:30-4:00pm
- If the gate is open, please drive up to the door and wait inside the car until the staff is ready to assist your child – Please do not let the child walk in the parking lot by him/herself
- After 4pm pick up, please call the school (708) 771-5030 when you arrive, so the staff can bring your child to your car.
- Please communicate the school (email or text (708) 751-5843) if different person is coming to pick up your child. If the staff hasn't met the person before, she will ask for the picture ID even if the person has picked up your child before.

Communication and Tuition Payment

- Please communicate by emailing, texting and calling the school for any irregular pick up time or a different pick-up person.
- For any other questions, please contact Yoko sensei at yavramov@mla.school
- Tuition is due on the first day of each session. It can be paid by Zelle Pay or by personal check. The statement will be sent via the above email. Zelle recipient's email address is yavramov@montessorilanguageacademy.com