Parent-Infant Community Class

Mead Montessori School at Greenway will be offering a Parent-Infant program, which will be held for a 6-week session from **March 1st through April 5th.** The Parent Infant Community is open to infants between 6 weeks and 16 months and their parents or caregivers. The class will meet on Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM.

“Education begins at birth” -Dr. Maria Montessori

The first three years of life are the most fundamental in the development of human beings and their potential. The infant's physical development is phenomenal and inspires our care and attention.

The Parent Infant Community class is in an environment setup similar to a *Nido*, (meaning “nest” in Italian), and each class provides parents with a unique opportunity to engage with their infants, as they exercise their independence by exploring a specially prepared environment. Furniture and materials in the room are carefully chosen and designed to aid in the development of movement and coordination, language and cognitive development.

The Parent Infant Community is designed to support parents in the important role as your child's first teacher. The role of the parent in this class is to observe, support, and encourage the natural development of your child.

The class is facilitated by an experienced Montessori trained teacher and serves as a guide and model for parents and infants as they explore the environment, offering practical examples of how to follow through with learning experiences at home.

This class will also deepen your understanding of Montessori philosophy and its application in the home setting. Through both interaction and observation, parents and caregivers gain valuable insight regarding their infant's path of development. The class serves as a forum for parents to share and exchange information with each other. Each week will feature an overview and discussion of a topic pertaining to infant development and whole child parenting. Topics may include:

* Setting up the optimal home environment
* Language Development
* Development of Movement – fine and gross motor skills
* Diapering / Toileting
* Mobiles, Music, Toys, and Play
* Nursing, Nutrition, and Weaning
* Sensitive periods
* Encouraging independence

Each class group is limited to 10 parent/infant couples, so please register early and call ahead for availability! 865-577-0760

To complete the registration for our Parent Infant Community classes, mail or deliver the Registration Form to **2647 Bafford Place, Knoxville, TN 37920** with a check payable to Mead Montessori School before the first class of the session. The Registration Form can be found on the following pages. The cost is $120 per 6- week session.

We look forward to the upcoming session with your family!

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Approximately 6 weeks – 16 months

Registration for: March 1 – April 5

**Parent(s) Name: First & Last Who will be attending class?**

**Child’s Full Name Preferred Name (nickname)**

**Date of Birth Child’s Age (in months) at start of class M/F**

**Primary Address City/State/Zip Phone**

**Email Address**

**Tell us a little bit about your child:**

**Were there any unusual circumstances in your child’s birth or life we should be aware of? Please share any other information you feel will best support you and your infant while in this class?**

**What topics are you interested in discussing or learning more about?**