



4 Vestal Street
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(508) 228-9198 www.mmo.org

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to another exciting summer at MMA! The MMA teachers are looking forward to working with your children as we explore, educate and enjoy!

Please read this information in its entirety to ensure the best, safest experience for your child.

Drop off and Pick up Policy

Children should be picked up promptly. Any child picked up more than 15 minutes late twice in the summer will not be allowed to participate in classes for the rest of the summer. **ALL Children must be signed in and out with the child's teacher.**

You will notice that on the Medical and Pick-up form you will need to list anyone that may be picking up your child from class. MMA teachers will be checking identification to verify the adult, therefore please remember to have your picture I.D. ready. Your child will not be allowed to go home with anyone who is not on the list.

Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered while they are attending a Discovery class you must complete and attach to the medical/pick-up form an Authorization to Administer Medication form which you can download at www.mmo.org.

Discipline Policy

To ensure that all children have a good experience during the Discovery Class, it is expected that each child be courteous and respectful of fellow participants and the teachers. Our discipline policy includes verbal warnings, time outs and consultation with parents. A continuous pattern of negative behavior or any major incident is cause for removing a child from the Discovery Class with no refund. The MMA teachers will do everything possible to make your child's experience safe and enjoyable and your cooperation and involvement is important to the success of the Discovery Classes.

Reminder

Please remember that you must fill out completely and submit it online. If you are having trouble with the online form, download the pdf mail or fax (508-228-1031) your child's medical/release/pick-up form within 2 weeks prior to your child's registered class. You can mail the forms to:

Maria Mitchell Association
Attn: Director of Education
4 Vestal Street
Nantucket, Ma 02554

In case of emergency or if your child will be absent please call the Maria Mitchell Association office at 508-228-9198 (8am-5pm).

If you have any issues or questions we invite you to talk to your child's teacher or you can reach me at (508) 228-9198. We are looking forward to seeing you and your child this summer!

We would like to thank Nantucket Sun for sponsoring our Summer staff with Sun protective shirts. www.NantucketSun.com

What to bring and Where to Drop off and Pick-up

What to bring to half day and full day classes

Clothes/Shoes – Exploring can be dirty and wet work so please provide your child with clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Wearing a bathing suit under their clothes or wearing a Sun shirt; UPF 50+ is excellent for both water play and outdoor activities is recommended. For the safety of your child, please send them with a pair of closed toed shoes that they can walk/run/hike. We suggest sending sandals for exploring the water and beach.

Lunch/Snack –For morning and full day programs please provide your child with a lunch in addition to snacks. Refrigeration is not available. Due to allergy concerns, children are not allowed to share food.

Drink - Children should come to class each day with water to drink - this is especially important on very warm, sunny days. Please send extra for full day programs.

Sunscreen vs. Sun shirts – We at MMA are working hard with our staff and participants to be Sun Safe as well as environmentally friendly. We recommend

children registered for both half day and full day programs to wear sun shirts that are 50+ UPF. There is no compliance with sun shirts and no need to “re-apply”. Keep in mind that the shirt only protects the skin that it covers; long sleeve shirts are also recommended for children with extra sensitive skin. Pediatricians recommend that children also protect themselves by wearing wide brim hats and sunglasses when outdoors. Please label your children’s clothing and accessories. For further information on purchasing certified 50+UPF clothing visit www.NantucketSun.com. We recommend only the best for our children, adults and environment.

If you choose to use sunscreen your children should arrive already lathered up with sunscreen that is at least 50 UPF. If your child is extra sensitive to the sun please send them with extra. For full day participants, teachers will give “sunscreen” breaks to allow children to reapply. Children are not allowed to share sunscreen due to allergy concerns.

Insect Repellent – Many of the sites we visit will have biting insects such as mosquitoes. For the comfort of your child you may want to send your child with bug repellent. Please do not send aerosol sprays.

Ticks - We do our best to avoid exposure to ticks, however children may be exposed to ticks while traveling through class sites (especially woods and fields). Teachers will try to check children daily, but they should be checked again thoroughly for ticks each day after class.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Morning and Full Day Discovery Classes

Children should be dropped off and picked up at Nantucket Elementary School, 30 Surfside Road, by the start time of the Discovery Class. Be prompt to ensure that your child does not miss the bus! The will leave every morning at 8:50 am. We will travel by bus from the Nantucket Elementary School to various natural locations around the island. Children that arrive after the bus departs will not be allowed to participate in classes for the day (no exceptions).

Afternoon Discovery Classes

Children should be dropped off and picked up at the Natural Science Museum at Hinchman House at the corner of Milk and Vestal Streets.

Animals and Art Discovery Class

Children should be dropped off at the Natural Science Museum at Hinchman House at the corner of Milk and Vestal Streets and picked up at the Artist Association’s studio at 1 Gardner Perry Lane.

Junior Historians

Meet at the courtyard of the Science Library (2 Vestal Street)