

# ACORN MONTESSORI SCHOOL



SUMMER SESSION  
2026



At Acorn Montessori School, our summer programs provide a safe and nurturing environment, cultivate social and emotional growth, and offer engaging activities that support each child's interests and development. Our summer session is an extension of the school year, with a Montessori approach to learning and fun.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!





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# Toddler Program

Acorn's Toddler Program is designed for children who are independently walking through 36 months of age and who attended Acorn during the 2025–2026 school year, as well as those enrolled in our Toddler Program for September 2026.

Our youngest children enjoy plenty of outdoor fun, including water activities in their own dedicated environment.

Toddlers enrolled during the school year will continue to follow their familiar daily routine, helping them feel secure, confident, and independent in their movements and choices. Children bring their own nut-free lunch to enjoy outdoors at picnic tables whenever weather permits. In the event of rain or excessive heat, lunch will be held indoors in our air-conditioned classroom.



## Registration Options

5 Half Days, 8:45-11:45

5 Full Days, 8:45-2:45

3 Half Days, TWTh, 8:45-11:45

3 Full Days, TWTh 8:45-2:45

Early Arrival 7:30-8:45

Extended Day 2:45-6:00

2 week consecutive registration required

# Primary Program

Join us this summer on Acorn's beautiful, wooded five-acre campus for a summer full of exploration, friendships, learning, and fun, led by experienced Montessori-certified teachers! Our Primary Summer Program, for children ages 3-6, features a special theme each week, and offers opportunities for creativity and discovery. Your child will enjoy shaded outdoor and air-conditioned indoor spaces to enjoy rich programming, free play, nature, and the arts. Learning continues through the summer, guided by our Montessori approach, supporting each child's growth and independence. Join us for crafts, storytelling, dramatic play, singing, dancing, summer reading and learning, and more. Children bring their own nut-free lunch to enjoy outside at picnic tables, weather permitting, and indoors in air conditioning, when needed.

## Registration Options

- 5 Half Days, 8:45-11:45
- 5 Day add on lunch, 11:45-12:45
- 5 Full Days, 8:45-2:45
- 3 Full Days, TWTh, 8:45 -2:45
- Early Arrival 7:30-8:45
- Extended Day 2:45-6:00



# Primary Themes

## **Week 1 (June 15-19) - Acorn Scientists**

Hands-on experiments and careful observation invite exploration of basic scientific concepts. A personal science notebook will travel home to support reflection and continued inquiry.

## **Week 2 (June 22-26) - Messy Art**

A wide range of art materials and techniques will be available for creative exploration. The focus is on process, self-expression, and caring for the environment rather than the final product.

## **Week 3 (June 29-July 3) - Red, White, and Blue**

American symbols and traditions will be explored through art, music, stories, and movement. The week will culminate in a community parade prepared collaboratively.

## **Week 4 (July 7-10, 4 days) - Backyard Biologists**

Close observation of plants, insects, and animals on campus will encourage curiosity and respect for the natural world.

## **Week 5 (July 13-17) - Fun and Fitness**

Purposeful movement will be emphasized through games, obstacle courses, and agility challenges. Time for cooling off with water play supports body awareness and self-regulation.

## **Week 6 (July 20-24) - Box City (Golden Oak)**

Large appliance boxes will be used to design and construct a collaborative city, supporting problem-solving, cooperation, creativity, and sustained imaginative play.

## **Week 7 (July 27-31) - Games Galore**

A variety of indoor and outdoor games will offer opportunities to practice coordination, turn-taking, cooperation, and joyful movement.

## **Week 8 (August 3-7) - Transportation**

Different forms of transportation will be explored, including movement by land, air, and foot.

## **Week 9 (August 10-14) - Ooey Gooey Concoctions**

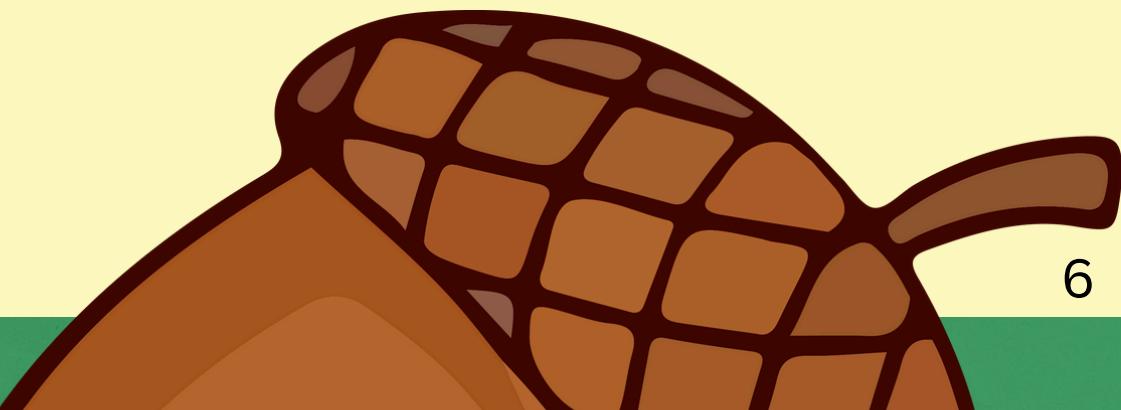
Experiments with mixtures and textures provide rich sensory experiences while practicing sequencing and simple procedures. A recipe book and samples will be sent home.

## **Week 10 (August 17-21) - Beach Bash**

Sensory and imaginative play inspired by the beach will invite exploration with sand, water, and open-ended materials.

## **Week 11 (August 24-27, 4 days) - Heroes Week**

Visits and conversations with community helpers such as firefighters, police officers, and EMTs offer opportunities to learn about their work and express appreciation for their service.



# Elementary Program

## Variety Fun Week

June 15-19 (5 days), 8:45-2:45

Early Arrival 7:30-8:45

Extended Day 2:45-6:00

Our elementary students will take part in a joyful week of exploration and choice during the Variety Week of Fun. Each day will offer a new area to discover—such as movement, art, yoga, science, and more—where children can work with their hands, move their bodies, and collaborate with others. Through purposeful activities and shared experiences, students will be invited to follow their interests, build confidence, and enjoy learning together while honoring the many ways we grow and learn.



## Montessori Math and Language

August 17-21 (5 days), 8:45-2:45

August 24-28 (5 days), 8:45-2:45

Early Arrival 7:30-8:45

Extended Day 2:45-6:00



Get back into the school-time groove!

Students will work with Montessori math and language materials as they transition back into the classroom routine. Teachers will guide children through the introduction of new lessons while reinforcing skills from the previous school year.

In the afternoons, children will enjoy a balanced mix of academic enrichment, old-fashioned camp and sports activities, and art.

Please remember to send your child with a daily lunch, snack, water bottle, and a nut-free lunch.



# What to Bring to Summer Session

- **Clothing:** Comfortable, loose-fitting clothes. Please also send a hat, swimsuit, and small towel each day.
- **Extra Clothes:** One complete change of clothes in a labeled zip-lock bag (shirt, shorts, socks, underwear, and spare shoes). Toddler and Primary Programs only.
- **Footwear:** For safety reasons, no sandals or Crocs. Supportive, inexpensive shoes or lightweight sneakers that can get wet are best.
- **Sunscreen & Bug Repellent:** Please apply before arrival (bug repellent optional).
- **Lunch & Snack:** A nut-free snack and lunch, including a drink and labeled water bottle, packed in a lunchbox with a small ice pack.

## Additional for New Toddler Families (first day only):

- One large box of diapers
- One large box of wipes
- One box of gallon-size plastic bags

# 2026 Summer Session Parent Calendar

## Key:

- █ Orientation
- █ First & Last Day of Summer Programs
- █ Open ONLY for Summer Programs
- █ School CLOSED for All Programs

## Key Dates:

- June 12 - Orientation, new to Acorn, new to program (3-4pm)
- June 15 - All Summer Programs begin
- July 3 - Observed Independence Day - Holiday - closed
- Aug 28 - Summer Session Last Day

## JUNE 2026

Session Week	M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
A	15	16	17	18	19
B	22	23	24	25	26
C	29	30			

## JULY 2026

Session Week	M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2	3
D	6	7	8	9	10
E	13	14	15	16	17
F	20	21	22	23	24
G	27	28	29	30	31

## AUGUST 2026

Session Week	M	T	W	Th	F
H	3	4	5	6	7
I	10	11	12	13	14
J	17	18	19	20	21
K	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

## [Summer Session Registration Click Here](#)

Take advantage of one of our discounts!

- **Refer A Friend** - Summer is more fun with friends! - \$100 credit for referring a friend. Currently enrolled Acorn families will receive a \$100 credit on their 2026 summer tuition when they refer a family that is new to Acorn Montessori School, and they enroll one or more children for the summer session 2026. The new family will also receive a \$100 credit for summer 2026! (one credit per family). Let Elizabeth Garrett know of your referral at [Elizabeth.Garrett@acornschool.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Garrett@acornschool.org).
- **Early Bird** - If summer registration is received by March 2nd, your invoice will reflect a 5% discount on the initial registration if paid in full by April 1, 2026.
- **Extended Day Sibling** - The second sibling registering for weekly early arrival or extended days will receive a 50% discount on these programs only. There is no sibling discount on the regular summer session programs.

# 2026 Summer Session Schedule and Fees

TODDLER Schedule Options	Days	Schedule	Fees
5 Full Days	M, T, W, Th, F	8:45-2:45	\$525
3 Full Days	T, W, Th	8:45-2:45	\$420
5 Half Days	M, T, W, Th, F	8:45-11:45	\$325
3 Half Days	T, W, Th	8:45-11:45	\$260
PRIMARY Schedule Options	Days	Schedule	Fees
5 Full Days	M, T, W, Th, F	8:45-2:45	\$490
3 Full Days	T, W, Th	8:45-2:45	\$395
5 Half Days	M, T, W, Th, F	8:45-11:45	\$295
Lunch add-on for 5 HD	M, T, W, Th, F	11:45-12:45	\$95
ELEMENTARY Schedule Options	Days	Schedule	Fees
5 Full Days	M, T, W, Th, F	8:45-2:45	\$550
Early Arrival All Sessions	Days	Schedule	Fees
3 days	T, W, Th	7:30 - 8:45	\$45
5 days	M, T, W, Th, F	7:30 - 8:45	\$70
Extended Day All Sessions	Days	Schedule	Fees
3 days	T, W, Th	2:45 - 6:00	\$105
5 days	M, T, W, Th, F	2:45 - 6:00	\$160

[Summer Session Registration Click Here](#)

# Payment Policies and Extended Day

Please make your selections carefully, as **no refunds will be issued** unless a program week is cancelled by Acorn. Staffing, student placement, and facility planning are finalized months in advance based on enrollment.

By registering my child for Acorn's Summer Session, I understand and agree to the following:

- **Registration & Payment:** Registration and payment secure my child's spot. All summer fees are due **by May 15, 2026**. After this date, a \$30 late fee per week will apply. Children may not attend unless all fees are paid in full.
- **Refunds:** If Acorn cancels a program week, a refund or credit will be issued for that week. If a child cannot attend due to serious illness or injury, verified in writing by a physician, Acorn will refund fees for the consecutive days absent, excluding the first five (5) days. Refunds are limited to the certified medical absence period.
- **Payment Fees:** A 3% fee applies to credit card payments; ACH payments, when available, incur a 0.3% fee (\$3 minimum, \$7 maximum). A \$50 fee will be charged for insufficient funds or declined payments.
- **Program Cancellation:** Acorn Montessori School reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient enrollment.

## Late Pick-ups and Extended Day Drop-In

### Pick-Up Policy:

- Please be prompt in picking up your children at their scheduled end-of-day.
- Unscheduled late pick-ups will be charged a \$20 late fee plus applicable drop-in charges.
- Pick-ups after 6:00 p.m. will be charged \$20 for the first 10 minutes, and \$3 for every minute after.
- Please arrive by 5:55 p.m. for 6 p.m. pick-ups to allow adequate transition time.

### Scheduled Drop-in Care:

Drop in Care is available only in urgent situations and is subject to availability, state-required adult-to-child ratios, and Acorn office approval. Please contact the Acorn offices as early as possible when care is needed.

- **Extended Day:** All requests for same day care must be received by 10:00 a.m.
- **Early Arrival:** Please notify the Acorn offices by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the requested early arrival.
- Requests made after these times will incur an additional \$20 fee.

### Drop-In Rates (Higher than registered rates):

- 0-30 minutes: \$20
- 31-60 minutes: \$35
- 61-90 minutes: \$50
- 91-120 minutes: \$65
- 120 minutes to close: \$75
- Late notification or unscheduled late pick-up: \$20, plus applicable drop-in charges