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**2022 Richmond Montessori School  
SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS**

**Toddlers through 8th grade**

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## Welcome to Richmond Montessori School Summer Enrichment Camps!

Richmond Montessori is like no other school in the community, offering a different kind of education as unique as each child, empowering them in the classroom so they can create a meaningful life beyond it. Richmond Montessori School's Summer Enrichment Camps are playful, relaxed, and fun. Your child is invited to join our specialty All Day Camps, each fostering the Montessori hallmarks of mutual respect, love of learning, curiosity, compassion, and freedom with responsibility.

This year we are running in-person camps in two, three-week sessions. Due to the pandemic, RMS is keeping campers in pods for three weeks. This is to ensure maximum safety of students and staff. Toddler camp will run from 9-12:30 a.m. Primary/elementary/middle school camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow teachers & staff ample time for disinfecting & cleaning spaces and materials.

Take advantage of all the best summer has to offer, right here at RMS—the outdoors, sports, science, movement, and the arts! Carefully examine the many choices, and register early, as spaces are limited, so we can maintain high staff-to-student ratios. You'll find that we offer a true alternative to other local camp options.

*Thank you for choosing Richmond Montessori School for summer!*

### **Shanthi Wickramasinghe**

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Who can attend?

(Register your child for camps for the level in which they were enrolled for the 2021-22 school year.)

### Toddlers

Camp is open to current RMS students only (students enrolled at RMS for the 2022-23 school year.) Toddlers who turn 3 before June 20, 2022 can register for primary camps.

### Primary Level (age 3-6)

Camp is open to current RMS primary students and students already enrolled at RMS for the 2022-2023 school year who will be age 3 by June 20, 2022.

### Elementary & Middle School

Camp is open to current RMS students and students already enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year.



## For New RMS Students

***You will need to fill out and submit information not requested by the online registration platform to confirm your child's attendance after you register.***

Additionally, prior to your child's first day of attendance, you must present in person your child's birth certificate, birth registration card, or passport. Photocopies are not acceptable. Virginia state law requires that we have viewed and documented legal proof of your child's identity and age, and that we notify law enforcement authorities if we do not have proof.

RMS must have a current immunization record on file before the first day of attendance. By state law, we cannot accept immunization records that are not current. Immunization records can be mailed or faxed to us or brought in with the proof of identity.

The following forms can be downloaded from the [Summer Enrichment page](#) of the RMS website as needed:

- Parental Permission Form (required for all students)
- Medicine Authorization Form
- Form authorizing insect repellent, sunscreen and over-the-counter creams and lotions
- Montessori Enrichment Handbook Addendum
- General Summer Program Information
- Health Form (new or non-RMS students only)
- Proof of ID Instructions (new or non-RMS students only)
- Mask opt-out form

Please feel free to contact Shanthi Wickramasinghe at 804-741-0040 x 24, or [shanthi@richmont.org](mailto:shanthi@richmont.org) with any questions about camps or the registration process.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## How to Register Online

**Before you begin registration, please:**

- 1 Identify all selections for your child in advance. Use the schedule to help you plan. Please note that camps are running in two separate sessions for primary, elementary and middle school students. When registering, choose "Session One" and/or "Session Two." Each session includes three weeks of camp. Due to the pandemic, RMS is keeping campers in pods for three weeks for maximum safety of students and staff. Camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to allow teachers and staff ample time for disinfecting & cleaning spaces.
- 2 Gather name, phone number and complete address information for a non-parent emergency contact. These are required fields.

### To register:

- 1 Go to the RMS website at [richmont.org/summer](https://richmont.org/summer) (see registration dates below)
- 2 Each child is registered separately.
- 3 Please register your child for camps in the level they were enrolled at RMS for the the 2021-2022 school year. (Campers who turn age 3 by June 20, 2022 can register for primary camps).

*Any changes can be requested directly to Shanthi Wickramasinghe at [shanthi@richmont.org](mailto:shanthi@richmont.org).*

**Registration opens for all students on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 9 a.m.**

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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*Our online registration platform accepts credit cards only. If you must pay with a check, please contact Shanthy Wickramasinghe.*

## COVID-19 Policy

Richmond Montessori is closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19, a rapidly evolving health situation. RMS is following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. As new information about the outbreak and its potential impact on the school community becomes available, we will adopt the new guidance. We hope to share new information regarding our COVID mitigation strategies and protocols, if any, closer to the start of summer camp.

### Exclusion from Camp

Children may not attend camp if the following conditions exist. [See list here.](#)

## Cancellation & Refund Policy

RMS reserves the right to cancel any under-enrolled program up to two weeks before the program is scheduled to start.

## Substitution Policy

RMS reserves the right to substitute appropriate staff as needed.

## Camp Session Fees

Fees are listed with each camp session. Although the camps are priced per three-week session, they are in line with what we charge in a typical summer.



# SUMMER AT-A-GLANCE

	Session 1			Session 2		
	June 20-24	June 27-July 1	July 5-8 (no camp July 4)	July 11-15	July 18-22	July 25-29
Toddler 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Montessori Mornings			No camp		
Primary Option 1 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	EXPLORE OCEANS & ISLANDS	EXPLORE Science & Art	EXPLORE Animals & Sea Creatures	EXPLORE The Great Outdoors	EXPLORE Countries Around The World	EXPLORE SAFARI & THE ZOO
Primary Option 2 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	EXPLORE Rainforests & Jungles	EXPLORE Books & Fairytales	EXPLORE Jets, Submarines, Trains & More	EXPLORE Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Animals	EXPLORE OUTER SPACE	EXPLORE Art & Famous Artists
Elementary 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Adventure to the Land of Fiction	Passport Around The World	Comic Book & Graphic Art	Natural Arts & Exploration	Scrapbooking & Photography	Lights, Camera, Action!
Middle School	CIT	CIT	CIT	No Camp	No Camp	No Camp

Camps are closed on  
July 4 observance of the  
Independence Day holiday.

# TODDLER CAMP - THREE WEEK SESSION

## Montessori Mornings

**9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Mrs. Jessica Richards & Mrs. Lavell Brown. \$650.**

*One 3-week session from June 20-July 8th.  
Please note no camp on Monday July 4.*

Montessori Mornings is a continuation of the procedures and practices that we implement everyday in the classroom during the school year. We will cover every area of the environment such as practical life, science, language and manipulatives. Grace and courtesy skills will be practiced daily, along with introductions to materials and lessons that promote growth and development. Please make sure to pack lunch for your child, they will eat before they dismiss. This camp will be led by Ms. Lavell & Mrs. Jessica, both Toddler Lead Teachers at Richmond Montessori with years of combined experience.



# PRIMARY CAMPS - SESSION 1

## Session 1

*June 20-July 8*

**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.**

**(There is no camp on July 4.)**

### NOTE:

Lunchtime & Rest/Nap is included in the pricing for Primary Camps. All students will bring their own lunches.

All camps include time for snack, time for lunch, games and outdoor play.

### Option 1

*(June 20-July 8, No Camp July 4th).*

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$1000**

**Week 1: June 20-24** EXPLORE Oceans & Islands with Mrs. Claire & Ms. Jenessa. Join us for a tropical adventure! We will explore and learn about marine life, habitats, and tropical islands through art, activities, and music. Come experience a unique week under the sea!

**Week 2: June 27- July 1** EXPLORE Science & Art with Ms. Della & Mrs. Lakshmi. Campers will be able to explore science and art in this exciting camp led by Ms. Della. Children will have the opportunity to learn about famous scientists and artists while having fun creating their own experiments & projects!

**Week 3: July 4-8 (NO CAMP on 4th)** EXPLORE Animals & Sea Creatures with Mrs. Lakshmi & Ms. Jenessa. Campers will have the chance to explore and learn about land & marine animals and habitats through art, activities, and music. Come experience a unique week of Animal camp!

### Option 2

*(June 20-July 8th, No Camp July 4)*

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$1000**

**Week 1: June 20-24** EXPLORE Rainforests & Jungles with Mrs. Lakshmi & Mrs. Ravinder. In this camp students will have the opportunity to explore major rainforest habitats & jungles around the world. We will talk about the climate, native animals, and the geography of these habitats. Your child will spend the week learning, creating, and moving to the sounds of the jungle! You never know what you may discover!

**Week 2 June 27-July 1** EXPLORE Books & Fairytales with Mrs. Claire & Ms. Jenessa. Welcome to the wonderful world of books! Stories can take us anywhere and anytime in history or even the future. Only our imagination will take us to these amazing places. We will read books from famous children authors and have daily crafts and activities to bring those stories to life. Be ready for a fun summer of stories and fun.

**Week 3 July 4-8 (NO CAMP on 4th)** EXPLORE Jets, Submarines, Trains & More with Mrs. Claire & Ms. Morina. Ready, Set, Lets GO! Each day we will learn about a new way of traveling and immerse ourselves in that new place. We will have crafts, songs and fun to reflect our travels for the summer. Be ready to "leave" RMS and learn about our amazing world!



# PRIMARY CAMPS - SESSION 2

## Session 2

July 11-29th

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
OPTIONS.

### NOTE:

Lunchtime & Rest/Nap is included in the pricing for Primary Camps. All students will bring their own lunches.

All camps include time for snack, time for lunch, games and outdoor play.

### Option 1

(July 11-July 29) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.  
\$1075

**Week 1 July 11-15** EXPLORE The Great Outdoors with Ms. Jenessa & Ms. Morina. Join us as we explore various aspects of the great outdoors! From learning about animal tracks, camping techniques, and endless nature art activities. This camp is filled with outdoor fun!

**Week 2 July 18-22** EXPLORE Countries Around The World with Mrs. Lakshmi & Mrs. Ravinder. Join us for a trip around the world! Each day we'll "travel" to a new country to learn about the region's culture and unique geography. Students will broaden their world view by interacting with regional music, art, dress, and food. Pack your bags because we are going on a long trip!

**Week 3 July 25-29** EXPLORE Safari & The Zoo with Mrs. Claire & Mrs. Lakshmi. Are you ready to explore the Safari wildlife & zoo creatures?! In this camp led by Mrs. Claire, students will be reading books, playing games, and creating projects all inspired by the Safaris in East Africa & Zoo's around the world.

### Option 2

(July 11-July 29) 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
\$1,075

**Week 1 July 11-15** EXPLORE Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Animals with Mrs. Claire & Ms. Della. Get to know all about your favorite extinct animals – dinosaurs! Crafts, books, puzzles, and more will enthrall your child as they immerse themselves in prehistoric Earth. Combine science and history for a dino-fun week.

**Week 2 July 18-22** EXPLORE Outer Space with Ms. Anjali & Mrs. Taylor. Explore the galaxy with imaginary space travel. Learn about planets, moons, stars and rocket ships with stories, songs, and art projects. It is a sci-fi fun week!

**Week 3- July 25-29** EXPLORE Art & Famous Artists with Ms. Morina & Ms. Jenessa. Campers will be able to explore science and art in this exciting camp led by Ms. Morina. Children will have the opportunity to learn about famous masterpieces & the artists who created them while having fun creating their own masterpieces inspired by artists of the world.

# ELEMENTARY CAMPS - SESSION 1 & 2

## Elementary Camp Session 1

*(June 20-July 8th, No camp on 4th)*

**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$1000**

**Week 1 June 20-24** Adventure to the Land of Fiction with Ms. Lisa & Ms. Anjali. Explore the fictional settings of famous book series such as Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Septimus Heap and Spy School. Costume and role play as your favorite character, create crafts and art based on the fictional world, and enjoy your imaginary vacation to the land of fiction!

**Week 2 June 27- July 1** Passport Around The World with Mrs. Anjali & Mrs. Ravinder. Join us for a trip around the world! With our passports in hand, each day we'll "travel" to a new country to learn about the region's culture and unique geography. Students will broaden their world view by interacting with regional music, art, dress, and food. This trip is filled with imaginative play and fun, and by the end of the week students will have a full passport and some souvenirs to take home!

**Week 3 July 4-8 (NO CAMP on July 4th)** Comic Book & Graphic Art with Ms. Lisa & Ms. Anjali. Explore the art and adventures of anime, manga and comic books! Learn about the history of graphic storytelling, create your own comics and anime, and make costumes of your favorite characters!

## Elementary Camp Session 2

*(July 11-July 29) 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*

**\$1,075**

**Week 1 July 11-15** Natural Arts & Exploration with Ms. Anjali & Mrs. Ravinder. There's nature all around us, so we're going to take a closer look at the wilderness in our backyard. Campers will journey into the natural areas around the RMS campus creating their own explorer's journal to document their observations and reflections. Whether they're identifying trees, writing haiku, or building shelters, students in this camp will learn there's an adventure right outside your door, if you know where to look.

**Week 2 July 18-22** Scrapbooking & Photography with Mrs. Claire & Ms. Morina. Learn the history of photography, how to take and crop amazing photos, design scrapbook pages, and capture great memories. Students will take their own photos and are welcome to bring their own to complete a scrapbook to take home by the end of camp. Students will learn about angles, point of view and much more! With so much history taking place, it's only right we document it!

**Week 3 July 25-29** Lights, Camera, Action with Ms. Anjali & Ms. Della. In this camp students will learn about the in's and out's of show business. Ms. Anjali & Ms. Della will go through the movie & play production process from start to finish. Students will be able to make movies on computers or create their own plays. On Friday, the students will have a screening day to showcase their work!

**All camps include time for snack, time for lunch, games and outdoor play. All campers will bring their own lunch.**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CIT CAMP

## Middle School CIT Camp (Counselor-in-Training)

*Session 1 only - June 20-July 8 (NO Camp July 4th)*

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.** \$255

RMS 8th grade students & Rising 7th Middle School students are invited to apply for our popular CIT program for summer. Our CITs love working at camp! Do you enjoy working with young children, have patience and energy, and need something to keep you busy in the summer? If so, apply by submitting a brief letter of interest to Shanthi Wickramasinghe, Director of Montessori Enrichment, accompanied by a recommendation from a teacher or other non-family adult who has knowledge of your experience in or aptitude for working with children ages 3-6.

There will be mandatory training in June for new counselors. We recommend those who register to be a CIT to be vaccinated since they will be in a mixed age cohort with younger children, some of whom may not be wearing masks. Selected CITs will assist in Primary Camps and will pay a reduced (\$85) camp fee for each week scheduled. Previous RMS CITs may apply with just a letter of interest and availability. Time worked qualifies for community service hours.

(Limited Spaces Available.)

# RMS GENERAL SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION

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## Contact Information

Shanthi Wickramasinghe is the Coordinator of Montessori Enrichment. You can contact her at 804-741-0040, ext. 24, or by email at shanthi@richmont.org. If you have a message for your child and cannot reach Montessori Enrichment, you can call the school receptionist at 804-741-0040 until 3:00 p.m.

## Summer Program Dates

The summer program begins on Monday, June 20, 2022 and ends on Friday, July 29, 2022. Summer camp will operate in two, three-week sessions. Session 1 is from June 29-July 8th and Session 2 is from July 11th-July 29th. Camp is closed on Monday, July 4th. Toddler Camp is one, three-week session from June 20-July 8th.

## Mask Policy

We will follow guidance from the CDC and VDH. More information on COVID-19 policies will be announced prior to the start of camp.

## Behavioral Expectations

Children are expected to follow the RMS code of conduct: use good manners, respect other students and staff, and follow classroom and campus rules. The program, then, as a whole, forms a safe, supportive community where children learn to trust adults and to trust themselves and their peers.

Disruptive or disrespectful behavior may result in dismissal.

## Snack and Medication

Please send one or two snacks and a water bottle for your child from home. We will avoid serving food or doing food works to minimize transmission of COVID-19.

If you need medication of any type to be on hand, please download the Medicine Authorization Form, or contact Shanthi Wickramasinghe with questions.

## Primary Student Extra Clothes / Toileting Policy

The school toileting policy is observed during the summer program. Children must be wearing underpants and be able to change themselves completely if they have an accident.

In case of occasional accidents, please provide an extra set of summer clothes for your child. The set should include shorts, shirt, underwear, and extra shoes, and masks. Staff will leave your child's clothes in his/her tote bag so that they will be available no matter where they are on campus. Labeling each item and the bag in which you send the clothes will help prevent mix-ups.

## Footwear

Please have your child wear sturdy play shoes. Flip-flops, sandals, and other shoes with holes are dangerous on our mulched playgrounds.

## Insect Repellent and SunBlock

Please apply the products of your choice before morning drop-off. If you would like insect repellent or sunblock reapplied in the afternoon, please download and sign the over-the-counter product authorization form before camp starts. Bring the insect repellent or sunblock with you on the first day of the session to hand to a staff person. It must be in the original container and labeled with your child's name.

## Lunch

All students will bring their own lunches. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on their lunchbox.

## Rest N' Play

Primary campers will take a nap/rest after lunch. Please provide a lightweight child-size sleeping bag that is open on three sides and labeled with your child's name. Sleeping bags are sent home Friday to launder; please return clean sleeping bags on Monday.

## Exclusion from Camp Policy

Children may not attend camp if the following conditions exist. [See list here.](#)

# DROP OFF & DISMISSAL

## Morning Drop-off for all: 8:45-9:00 a.m.

The carpool procedure is the same as during the school year. All morning campers arrive through the carpool line. Please enter the one-way drive at 499 N. Parham Road (south campus).

Toddler Parents: please park in front of the South Campus entrance and get your child out of the car.

## All other students

- 1 Remain in the carpool line and move forward.
- 2 If your child can safely exit the car independently, the child may exit and proceed to the sidewalk and then on to class with staff supervision.
- 3 If your child is unable to exit the car independently, turn off your engine,

safely exit and proceed to the passenger side of the car to assist your child out of the car and to the sidewalk.

- 4 Students will enter the gym and wait with the rest of the campers from their pod.
- 5 Return to your car, and proceed to the exit.

## Pick-up Procedures:

**Toddler Morning Dismissal:** 12:30 p.m.

All toddlers must be picked up promptly at 12:30 p.m. and no later than 12:45 p.m.

\*Toddler parents, please maintain social distance as you wait for your child.

You will be charged a late fee after 12:45 p.m.

**Primary, Elementary & Middle School Dismissal:** 3:00 p.m.

Campers will follow the same carpool procedure as during the school year. All campers will be dismissed from 499 N. Parham Road (south campus).

- 1 Enter the school driveway, turn right and proceed through the carpool line.

- 2 The students will be called to the front sidewalk to line up, spaced apart, with staff assistance.
- 3 Your child will be escorted to the car so that you can safely put him/her in the car seat, or so that he/she can enter the car independently.



# SUMMER FACULTY

**Anjali Suresh** joined RMS as a substitute during the fall of 2020. She is a current student at James Madison University earning her degree majoring in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies with a minor in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. Anjali loves working with children and hopes to be in an early elementary classroom in the future! In her free time, she enjoys singing and watching Disney movies!

**Claire Leake** earned her Bachelor's in Recreation, Parks and Tourism from Radford University. Claire is our permanent substitute this year and has been an elementary assistant, a primary assistant, and regular camp instructor at RMS for over ten years.

## **Della Jareb**

Della Jareb is an assistant teacher at Richmond Montessori School with a passion for the arts. Previous summers have seen Della leading a STEAM camp in Fredericksburg, VA. She is excited to work with the summers campers to harness their love for the arts and sciences.

**Jenessa Hackney** recently moved to Richmond and is working toward her degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education. She worked with students in the primary after school program at Williamsburg Montessori School before moving to Richmond. Jenessa values the peaceful environment and child-centered community central to the Montessori philosophy. It is important to her to help students of all ages become independent and curious learners and help students learn to regulate and manage their emotions.

**Jessica Richards** has two undergraduate degrees from George Mason University in Conservation Studies and Family Studies. She also has a Master of Education from Loyola University Maryland and earned her American Montessori International (AMI) primary diploma in 2014. She earned her AMI certification in assistant to infancy in 2018. Jessica is also a trained Virginia Master Naturalist.

**Latell Brown** is a toddler lead teacher with AMS certification and a longtime toddler assistant and camp staff member at RMS since 1999. She is a member of the early childhood team, providing cooking, craft and other specialty programs for summer.

**Lakshmi Suresh** joined RMS in October 2020. She holds a masters degree in Cost Accounting and has experience teaching students from elementary to college level. She is an active volunteer and board member of a local non-profit organization. She enjoys music and traveling.

**Lisa Rowh** holds her Bachelor's in Art History from James Madison University and her teaching certificate from Old Dominion University. She has served as an assistant in middle school and upper elementary classes and is currently the reading instruction specialist at RMS.

**Morina Fufunwa** has lived in Richmond for the past 12 years and comes from a multicultural background, including French and Nigerian heritage. She spent part of her childhood living in the Philippines and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in Social Welfare. After college, she worked with children in multiple capacities, including assistant teaching, tutoring in Richmond Public Schools, and working as a family consultant for a foster care organization. Morina earned her Montessori diploma in Early Childhood from the Washington Montessori Institute in Maryland. She attended a Montessori school as a young child and has carried the Montessori values into her adult life. She says "having the opportunity to guide your children feels like a full circle moment for me."

## SUMMER FACULTY

**Ravinder Kaur** loves to work with kids since graduating with her Bachelor of Education. Ravinder has been a dear part of the RMS community as a sub for the past two years. She is excited to join summer camp with the kids!

**Taylor Gardner** recently moved to Richmond after completing her undergraduate degree in Human Development at Virginia Tech. She is excited for her substitute and assisting roles at RMS while she continues her education.

**Shanthi Wickramasinghe** is the Director of Montessori Enrichment at Richmond Montessori School. Shanthi joined the Richmond Montessori School community in June 2011 working with the Montessori Enrichment team while obtaining her Bachelors Degree with Honors in Psychology, and a minor in Sociology from Virginia Commonwealth University. Since working at RMS, Shanthi has worked with toddlers, elementary students, and in Montessori Enrichment. While earning her undergraduate degree at VCU, Shanthi interned at the Clark Hill Center for Child Psychology as a research assistant.

In December 2015, Shanthi received her Master of Science in Addiction Studies from The Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. Before moving to Richmond, Shanthi worked as a primary assistant teacher for Community Montessori School in Reston, VA. Shanthi attended Montessori until first grade and feels that foundation helped shape her leadership and academic success throughout her educational and professional career.





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