

# Upper Elementary Daily Schedule

Grades 4-6

**7:30-8:15**

## Arrival

As students arrive, they greet their friends and then read silently until the school day begins. During this time, students may choose any reading material appropriate to their own level and interests. This helps set a peaceful tone for the day and furthers our school-wide initiative of promoting reading.

**8:15-8:30**

## Class meeting

Arriving on time is key, as we meet as a whole group in a large circle. This is an important time to share information with the students, discuss our community, and prepare for the day. Students are invited to share concerns and actively participate in the running of our environment.

**8:30-11:30**

## Work time

Guided by work plans, students move independently through the carefully prepared Montessori environment, where they have free access to hands-on manipulatives and lessons designed to spark interest. Independent work, small group work, and group presentations are all part of this self-guided time. Educators oversee this work time, giving individualized lessons and assisting students in their work. The integrated curriculum scaffolds advanced concepts in mathematics, language, and cultural studies, highlighting connections between subject areas and building necessary bridges to abstraction. Students reinforce these connections with work on interdisciplinary projects, using reading and language skills to study history, culture, and science.

**11:30-12:15**

**Lunch**

Handwashing and proper socialization are emphasized during our meals. When possible, we will enjoy this time together outside. Students also work together to keep the lunchroom clean for the next group of students. These activities are all vital parts of Montessori's vision of practical life exercises.

**12:15-3:00**

**PE & Specials**

Afternoon is our most varied time, as we believe in a well-rounded education. At JBMA, every day students will have 45 minutes of physical education, in addition to other specials. Art, Spanish, drama, music, and gardening are all part of this time, as well as dedicated science, cultural studies, geography, and additional work time. Each day, we will also work together to clean and maintain our environment as a community.

**3:00-3:15**

**Quiet Reading & Dismissal**

While waiting to be picked up, students will have time to practice reading at their own level.