

Elementary II | What to Expect

Welcome, Elementary II (ELII) families, to an exciting new school year filled with growth, learning, and endless possibilities! We are very much looking forward to a new year in Elementary II. We are here to support you throughout the year. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. Below is some vital information about life in ELII.

Typical Daily Schedule

8:15 - 8:30am	Arrivals
8:30 - 11:00am	Work and lesson time: Students receive new small group lessons in either math or grammar (depending on the day) and work on daily and long-term assignments from all four areas of the curriculum.
11:00 - 12:00pm	Group history or science lessons
12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30 - 1:00pm	Recess
1:00 - 3:10pm	Specialist Programming
3:10 - 3:25pm	Dismissals

Specialist Schedule

As we approach the start of school, your child's specialist schedule will be shared directly by their classroom teachers. All ELII students participate in a rotating schedule of enriching specialist classes each week, including:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Design Thinking in Agriculture (Third Trimester)
- Music & Drama
- P.E.
- Reading Round-Up
- Spanish
- Science Fair Prep - First Semester
- Social-Emotional Curriculum - First Semester
- Science Lab - Second Semester
- Design Thinking in Agriculture - Second Semester

Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

The drop-off window for Elementary II students is from 8:15 - 8:30. All ELII Parents will enter the main entrance of campus and bear right to pull down the hill into the ELII drop-off line. Children leave the vehicle, gather their belongings, and walk into the classroom independently. Please do not line up more than five minutes early at the end of the day to avoid blocking traffic at the lower end of campus.

If you arrive after the drop-off window, you must come to the main office and sign your child into school. Teachers will be notified, and your child will wait in the office until someone can walk them down to the classroom to unlock the doors and meet the child at the door.

The pick-up window for Elementary II is from 3:10 - 3:25 pm.

We will provide drop off/pick up color coded cards on Welcome Back Day to be placed on your dashboard for the beginning of the school year to help with traffic flow.

Snack & Lunch

Children bring their own snack to school. Elementary II students choose when to have their snack. Due to allergy concerns, students are prohibited from sharing food with their classmates.

Lunch is from 12:00 - 12:30 pm. ELII has microwaves for students to heat lunches as desired. Allergies are handled on an individual basis, according to the children's needs and individualized health plan. All staff are trained in Pediatric CPR, First Aid, and medication administration.

⊘ Peanut Alert: Due to allergies, children may not share or trade food. Although we are not a nut-free school, we may ask you to refrain from sending food containing peanuts or other allergens if there is a student with an allergy in the class.

Homework:

Homework is assigned starting the second week of school. Teachers will establish a schedule and share it with you at the beginning of the year. Students can expect approximately 10 minutes per grade per night plus 20 minutes of reading per night. This will fluctuate during times of large-scale projects. Typical homework will include math, grammar, reading, spelling, and occasional cultural and science assignments.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We look to parents to help us with chaperoning field trips, organizing holiday events, and helping with events such as Field Day and Montessori Parent Association events. If you are interested in volunteering, please email communications@bfarm.org.

Classroom Observations:

New and returning students' parents are welcome to schedule a classroom observation time after the first four weeks of school. Please contact the Front Desk (x10) to schedule a time. Observing a working classroom will help you gain an understanding of how Montessori education works and can facilitate insight into our educational goals and strategies. Follow-up questions for the teachers may be sent via email or shared at conference time.

Communication:

In urgent circumstances, call the Front Desk at 781-934-7101, Ext. 10. For non-emergency communication, our communication folder system and emails work best, frontdesk@bfarm.org and/or classroom teacher. Please allow 24 hours for an email response.

Please read the communication flyer in this summer's mailing for more information on Bay Farm School and teacher communication.

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