

### What students say about these trips:

*"The fall field trip provides an amazing educational experience that you can share with all of your classmates and friends. I always learn something new from it, and each day is packed with activities and fun, like going to museums and pretending we are soldiers learning to march."*

- Madeline G.

*"I always look forward to the fall field trip because it is a great educational experience. We go to historic sites and museums, and we do other activities. It is loaded with fun."*

- Connor J.

*"The overnight field trip is my favorite part of the year."*

- Rylan K.

*"I always look forward to the fall field trip because I like learning outside the classroom. I also enjoy working in different parts of Virginia."*

- Kendall Q.

*"When the fall field trip comes around, I am always excited. It is a great bonding experience for all of the kids. It is fun to sleep overnight in a hotel. I love it and when I go to another school I will miss this the most."*

- Hailey R.

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### Included in overnight trips are:

- ◆ Overnight accommodations,
- ◆ All meals, except lunch on the first day, including special meal options,
- ◆ Transportation on a tour bus,
- ◆ Full participation in all planned tours and activities,
- ◆ Detailed itinerary and packing list,
- ◆ Opportunities to visit gift shops.

### Payment

#### Information:

- \* Cost for students is covered by the Activity Fee.
- \* Parents pay their own costs, which vary for each trip.



*Montessori*

*School of McLean*

*Elementary*

*Outings:*

*A Six Year*

*Cycle*



**From seven to twelve years, the child needs to enlarge his field of action....In the second period the child needs wider boundaries for his social experiences.**

- Maria Montessori  
From Childhood to Adolescence



MSM supports the needs of the Elementary student to explore and begin to understand the world beyond his/her family by providing many excursions away from the school. The Elementary students participate in an annual overnight trip in the Fall of each year that includes the entirety of the student body, teachers, and parent chaperones.

These annual trips are designed to extend beyond the learning experiences provided in the classroom. In addition, shared experiences outside the classroom help build community and give the students a common context for discussion.

Teachers prepare the students in advance of the trip to reap the greatest benefit from the expertise provided by the guides and docents at each venue.

Recognizing the various developmental levels among the students, MSM requests and encourages parent participation, especially for the youngest students and those with medical/allergy issues. Space permitting, we include all parents who wish to join these adventures. Students who attend without a parent are supervised by another parent, usually that of a close friend.



The Elementary overnight trips are organized around a six-year cycle, alternating between American or Virginia history and science, as follows:

- **First year** - Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, VA
- **Second year** - Benjamin Franklin Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- **Third year** - Valley Forge and Independence National Historical Parks, Philadelphia, PA
- **Fourth year** - Virginia Living Museum and Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach, VA
- **Fifth year** - Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA
- **Sixth year** - Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, MD

All Elementary students participate in the outing planned for that particular year. Students who matriculate in first grade and complete the Elementary program participate in all six trips.