

The Montessori School

Welcome to The Montessori School



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confidence, competence, self-esteem and a respect for others. More than an approach to education, Montessori is an approach to life.

The program at The Montessori School, both in philosophy and pedagogy, is based on the scientific research work of Dr. Maria Montessori and

on AMI Montessori training. The school respects children as self-directed individuals and fosters their growth towards independence and social responsibility, while creating a joyful, diverse and family-oriented community.

Montessori classrooms are designed in a multi-age mix, from toddler through adolescence, which allows for both individual and social development. The classrooms are beautiful by design. They are set up in an open style, with work areas throughout the room and materials available on accessible shelving. Most lessons are given to small groups or individual children while other children are working independently.

The school uses stories, Montessori materials, charts, timelines, objects of nature, treasures from the wealth of cultures around the world and sometimes conventional tools to teach the children. Guided by the teacher, Montessori students actively participate in planning their time and taking responsibility for their work.

The Montessori School has always held its relationship to the outdoors as an integral part of its educational

approach. Outdoor work is based on Dr. Montessori's vision for the extended classroom and the respect and responsibility inherent in meaningful encounters with the land.

Gardening, composting and other elements of care of the outdoors are introduced at the earliest stages of the program. At the elementary and middle school levels, the children's experience with the outdoors grows through the added dimension of outdoor expeditions, such as camping trips, rites of passage and further afield adventures.



The school's Specialty program is an essential and vibrant component of the elementary and middle school curricula. Led by a cadre of experts in their individual fields, the specialists, like the Montessori classroom teachers, are committed to the importance of learning as a lifetime habit of curiosity, observation and thought.

The Montessori School offers art, chorus, drama, physical education, foreign language and science lab. In addition, the school has a learning specialist for children with special needs. To visit our school at any time, there is evidence of rigour and joy. We often celebrate and it is always our inclination to give thanks.

Committed to diversity, The Montessori School community is inclusive and depends on the tenets of respect. Our students and families participate in outreach efforts throughout the year and practice responsibility to others both within the classroom and beyond. The school believes in sharing what we have with those in need and encouraging children to learn to live responsibly in



the world. At The Montessori School, students are inspired to live both passionately and compassionately in a global community.