

## What is Montessori?

Montessori is a method of education developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. A prepared environment full of age appropriate manipulative learning equipment is available which allows the child to progress at his own pace. Positive reinforcement, learning by doing, order and movement are principles that are advocated. Children learn self-confidence and responsibility through purposeful activity, observation and discovery. There are now thousands of Montessori private and public schools across the nation. The Montessori Method has been used successfully with children from birth through high school. Students from all socio-economic levels, various cultural backgrounds and diversified academic abilities have successfully attended Montessori programs. Children's Cottage Montessori Pre-School is not affiliated with any religious organization.

## Who is Dr. Montessori?

Dr. Maria Montessori was Italy's first woman doctor. Since 1907, her educational philosophy has been adapted all over the world with great success. After becoming interested in the education of children, her observations led to many new discoveries about how children learn. She was a spokeswoman for children's rights knowing that children absorb their whole world and form much of their character and intelligence from birth to age 6. She developed a multitude of educational equipment where children could learn by doing. She believed inner values, high morals and good work habits made strong responsible adults.

## What Makes Montessori Education Unique?

- A specially designed classroom planned to enhance the 5 senses and build the intelligence.
- Children learn by exploring and discovering concepts with hands-on manipulative equipment.
- Teachers trained with special techniques create a curriculum that meets the developmental needs of each age level.
- Children work in a family setting of mixed age grouping learning responsibility and respect for each other.

- Individualized learning allows students to progress at their own pace.
- Positive reinforcement, support and encouragement is a top priority.
- A strong foundation of self-esteem is built as the child experiences success through work.



## How Does a Classroom Work?

The teacher instructs the child in the use of the Montessori learning materials. Children move freely in the environment choosing purposeful work. The equipment is returned to its proper place when the task is completed. The children are guided by the teachers using ground rules which give freedom within limits. Children participate in group activities as well as individual work building social skills along with academic excellence. Our school goal is to give the child the adventure of discovery and the joy of accomplishment.

## Montessori Principles

1. Mixed age grouping
2. Learning to make appropriate choices
3. Self-teaching manipulative materials
4. Character and personality development
5. Control of error built into lessons
6. Teacher is specially trained
7. Building a positive self-image
8. Positive behavior reinforced
9. Self-discipline through work

10. Children learn to care for themselves and their environment
11. Logical and creative thinking developed
12. Gross and fine motor skills developed
13. Individual as well as group interactions
14. Children learn from each other
15. Lessons in grace and courtesy teach respect for others
16. Development of the five senses
17. Appreciation of all life
18. Peace through education

## Pre-Primary – Ages 2-3

This program includes exercises in:

Care of the Person	Fingerplays
Care of the Classroom	
Music/Art	
Grace and Courtesy	Sounds
Control of Movement	Counting
Games	
Development of the 5 Senses	
Matching/Sorting	
Building Vocabulary	Science
Storytelling/Poems	Classifying

## Primary – Ages 3-6

This program includes the above exercises plus:

Social Skills	Phonics
Caring for Plants and Animals	Foreign
Language	
Geography	
Reading/Writing	
History	Math
Motor Development	Botany
Cooking and Nutrition	Word Building
Sizes, Dimensions, Patterns	Shapes, Colors

Children's Cottage Montessori Pre-School  
accepts children without regard to race,  
religion or national origin.



# Children's Cottage Montessori Pre-School

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to the Joy of  
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Children's Cottage Montessori  
Pre-School

Private Pre-Primary and Primary  
School

Ages 2-6

Open from 7:00am – 6:00pm  
Half Day, Extended Day, Full Day  
Programs Available

#### Curriculum

- Individualized Learning
- Self-Teaching Learning Apparatus
- Development of the 5 Senses
- Problem Solving/Conceptual Thinking
- Reading and Math Readiness
- Languages
- Music/Art
- Nutrition and Hygiene
- Practical Life Skills
- Grace and Courtesy

#### Character Development

- Positive Self-Image
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Organization
- Neatness
- Independence
- Concentration
- Order
- Respect for Self and Others