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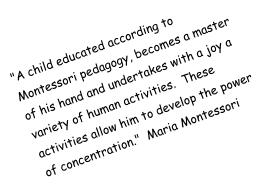
Caring for Children since 2011

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## Highlighting

### Montessori

Children's School

#### Our Program:



#### **Our Materials**

The focus of a true Montessori program is in the beauty of the materials provided for the children to use and learn from. To help facilitate this goal, MCS continues to purchase the highest quality Montessori materials available.



#### Our Mission:

MCS Preschool's Mission is to prepare a peaceful environment that encourages the learner to be independent while gaining the knowledge that will lead to a confident and respectful individual.

#### Based on a comprehensive understanding of Montessori principles and pedagogy, MCS strives to provide a nurturing environment for children ages 18 months-6 years where they can experience the freedom to develop themselves to their fullest potential. Our goal is to create a community of children who learn to care peacefully for themselves, one another, and the world around them.

#### Our Staff

The staff here at Montessori Children's School are the backbone of our program. We hire teachers that are compassionate about the philosophy of a Montessori Program and are committed to each child who enrolls in our program. We have ongoing training and in-services to continue our own level of learning and to inspire us to create a program that is the best a parent can find.



Before school begins we separate day care with all gathering outside, (weather permitting) to honor our flag with a morning salute (on Monday mornings). Then our school day begins with group time called "Circle". They will sing songs, play games, discuss the calendar, share stories from home, and participate in new lessons together. During "work time", each child chooses activities to explore; either alone or with others, selects the necessary equipment, and works as long as he/she wishes. Gross motor time (outside when possible) allows the children to socialize, exercise, and be imaginative. After lunch the children rest for a period, and then continue through the afternoon with additional "work" time. A nutritious snack is provided in the morning and afternoon. Children bring their own lunches. (MCS furnishes milk for all children at lunch time, including 1% low fat and an almond milk alternative for those on restricted dairy diets.)

#### Montessori Children's School Snack Menu

We currently use the same menu for morning and afternoon snack time, rotating each week. This is posted in the monthly newsletter as well as on the parent bulletin board in the main hallway.



The Montessori approach to education takes its name from Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician and educator (1870-1952). Dr. Maria Montessori developed her educational philosophy as a result of her observations of the way children naturally learn. Dr. Maria Montessori's first class consisted of 50-60 children, ages 3-6, and most of them suffered from malnutrition and were shy and fearful since they lived in the slums of Florence, Italy. Montessori found that the children needed very little persuading to do everyday tasks, puzzles or other interesting activities which allowed them to not direct their energy toward destructive behaviors. She described the ages from three to six as a particularly sensitive time during which young children are especially attuned to acquiring knowledge from and about their environment. To enrich their experience, Dr. Maria Montessori developed a "prepared environment" of child sized furniture and material, to adapt to the surroundings to the child's natural size and behavior. This helped the children to feel relaxed and comfortable which created a will to learn. Through this interaction and experience, the children developed an extraordinary high level of intellectual and social ability at young ages.

"Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future." Maria Montessori



Initial deposit of \$150 is collected at the time a spot is offered to you. This is your annual registration fee which is charged to all families at the time of enrollment and again in August of each year.

Toddler Program and Non-Potty-Trained Children (18-30 months)					
	<b>2 days per</b> week Example: T/ Th	3 days per week Example: M/W/F	<b>5 days per week</b> Monday thru Friday		
Part Time (8:30-	\$405 per	\$505 per	\$685 per month		
12:30)	month	month			
Full Time (8:30-	\$505 per	\$670 per	\$790 per month		
3:00)	month	month			
Extended Day	\$610 per	\$745 per	\$870 per month		
(7:00-5:30)	month	month			

Preschool Options (30 months – 6 years)					
	2 days per week	3 days per week	5 days per week		
Part Time	\$380 per	\$460 per	\$640 per month		
(8:30-12:30)	month	month			
Full Time	\$475 per	\$635 per	\$750 per month		
(8:30-3:00)	month	month			
Extended Day	\$580 per	\$695 per	\$820 per month		
(7:00-5:30)	month	month			

Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. A \$25 late fee will be added to any payments not received by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. There is an option to pay semimonthly when previously arranged by the Director.

Whichever program you choose, the fees are based on the specific class, number of days per week that the child attends and if extended care is needed.

We accept payment through personal check, money order, credit or debit cards. (An additional fee will be assessed when using credit or debit cards.)

## Parents Appreciate:

- Safe, compassionate, individualized care for their child
- Natural mix of education and imagination
- Clean, healthy environment
- Supportive, friendly and encouraging staff
- A program that encourages each child to develop at their own pace.
- Focus on healthy habits like nutritious snacks, yoga, nature awareness, and a balance of outdoor and indoor activities.

Montessori classrooms offer personal hands-on experiences with real things in a planned environment. You will see mixed age groups; community collaboration and children being involved in all aspects of the classroom.

Each classroom at Montessori Children's School offers a prepared environment which allows children to develop at their own pace. Materials and jobs are carefully made to selfteach the child. This is referred to 'control of error' that enables the teachers to evaluate the child's understanding and to correct without negative reinforcement. The goal is to motivate the child to learn and experience independently within a safe structure.

A natural 'Social Order'' is attained by helping children make choices based on their feelings. Our program educates through the child's mind by teaching strategies that include monthly virtues and the language of virtues, to guide behavior and help children learn to choose actions that will lead to positive results. In this way children are stabling a foundation of respect for others and for the environment that will go with them throughout their lives.