

A Montessori Primer

The Montessori method is something many parents have heard about, but most are unfamiliar with its specifics. Here are answers to some common questions about Montessori.

How is Montessori different than traditional education?

Montessori children are given the trust and respect to make their own choices and judgments; they receive space to explore their interests at the pace they're comfortable with. This leads to children who have great self-awareness, high self-esteem, and a love of learning and challenges.

Montessori children grow into confident, capable adults who love to think "outside the box." We feel children are capable of amazing things at a younger age than most people consider. We nurture children's "inner teachers" and allow them to discover their wonderful abilities.



Who was Dr. Montessori?

Dr. Maria Montessori, who was born in Chiaravalle, Italy, in 1870, was the first female physician in her native land. In 1906, she gave up a university chair and her medical practice to work with 60 children in Rome's San Lorenzo district. This became the first Casa dei Bambini ("Children's House") and is where she developed the Montessori method of education.

Every piece of equipment and exercise is based on her scientific observations of children's ability to absorb knowledge from their surroundings and their tireless interest in manipulating their environment – things they do "naturally."



What is AMI?

Dr. Montessori opened the Montessori Training Centre in Laren, Netherlands, in 1938, and founded a series of teacher training courses in India in 1939. The training center, Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), continues to train teachers around the world today. One of its many objectives is, "Spreading and upholding the pedagogical principles and practice formulated by Dr. Maria Montessori, which ensures the independence of the child's personality through successive stages of growth until he reaches full normal development by means of his own activity."

Many variations of the Montessori method exist, since it was never copyrighted, and a few have very little to do with Montessori theory or materials. It's up to parents to explore the different schools to find the Montessori school for their child.

"Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and strength, use it to create."

-Maria Montessori

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Get to Know Lifetime Montessori

Our school is named "Lifetime" to pay homage to the fact that the Montessori approach is focused on providing education for life. Here are the answers to some commonly asked questions; please let us know if you need additional information.

What activities do you offer children each day?

Children's classroom activities are called "work," as part of our strategy to develop a positive association between school, learning, and work. Teachers incorporate "extracurricular" activities into the classroom, including music, art, and much more!

Do you offer a summer program?

Yes. We offer a summer program to our currently enrolled families. Our includes some Montessori-related activities, but it has more of a camp-like atmosphere.

Do you offer a bilingual program?

Yes. We offer Spanish/English bilingual immersion in our Primary and Elementary Programs. Studies show that learning two languages simultaneously sparks the brain rather than hinders it. The brain's pathways seem determined to work at an advanced pace and build a stronger problem-solving ability for the child. As a result, teaching academics becomes easier as children's tasks grow ever more complex.

What educational programs do you offer?

We offer three educational programs: a Toddler Program (18 months through 3 years old), a Primary Program (3 years old through kindergarten), and an Elementary Program (1st through 6th grade). **In each program, children develop independence, knowledge, and confidence in their abilities.**

Do you offer extended care before and after school?

Yes. Before-school care begins at 7:30 am and after-school care runs until 5:30 pm.

Are there any discounts related to the programs?

Yes. If you have more than one child in our school, each additional child will receive a 5% discount off tuition. You can also get that same savings if you pay for a year in advance.



What are your discipline tactics?

We offer children consistent, natural consequences to their actions; we don't believe in "time-outs." We believe children can understand logic, so we only remove them from situations if aggression occurs. **We do a lot of role modeling to show children how to use words to express themselves** rather than acting out physically.

What is the school day schedule?

We offer two options for toddlers and primary students, but the elementary program is full-day only.

Toddler Program

Half-day: 8:30 am – 12:15 pm

Full-day: 8:30 am – 2:45 pm

Primary Program

Half-day: 8:30 am – 12:45 pm

Full-day: 8:30 am – 2:45 pm

Elementary Program

Full-day: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

*"Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world." -
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