

Lifetime
Montessori School

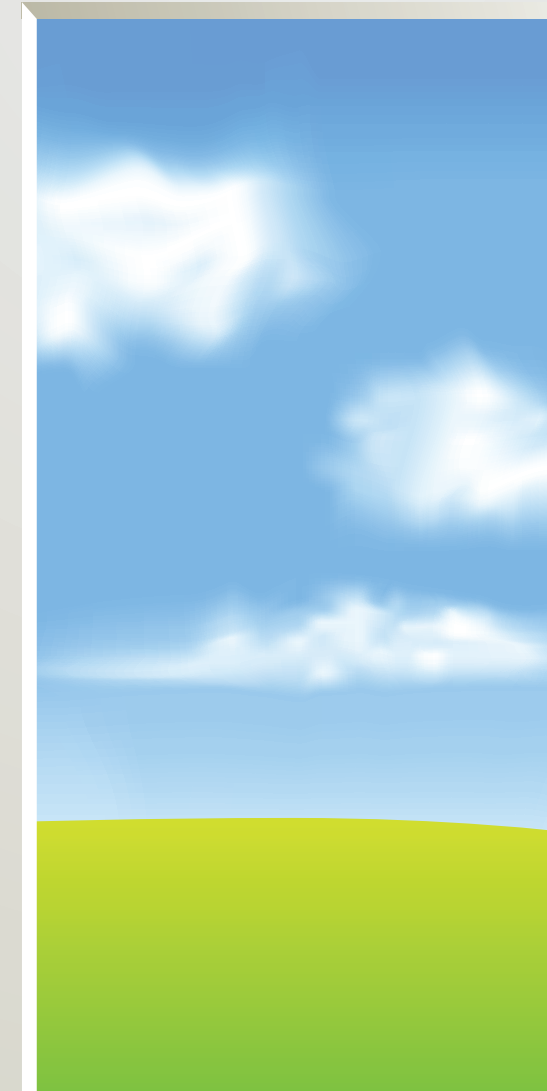
Excellence In Education



At Lifetime Montessori School, children learn in an atmosphere of calm, order and joy...in a safe and stimulating environment.

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Education should no longer be mostly the imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities.



Our Vision

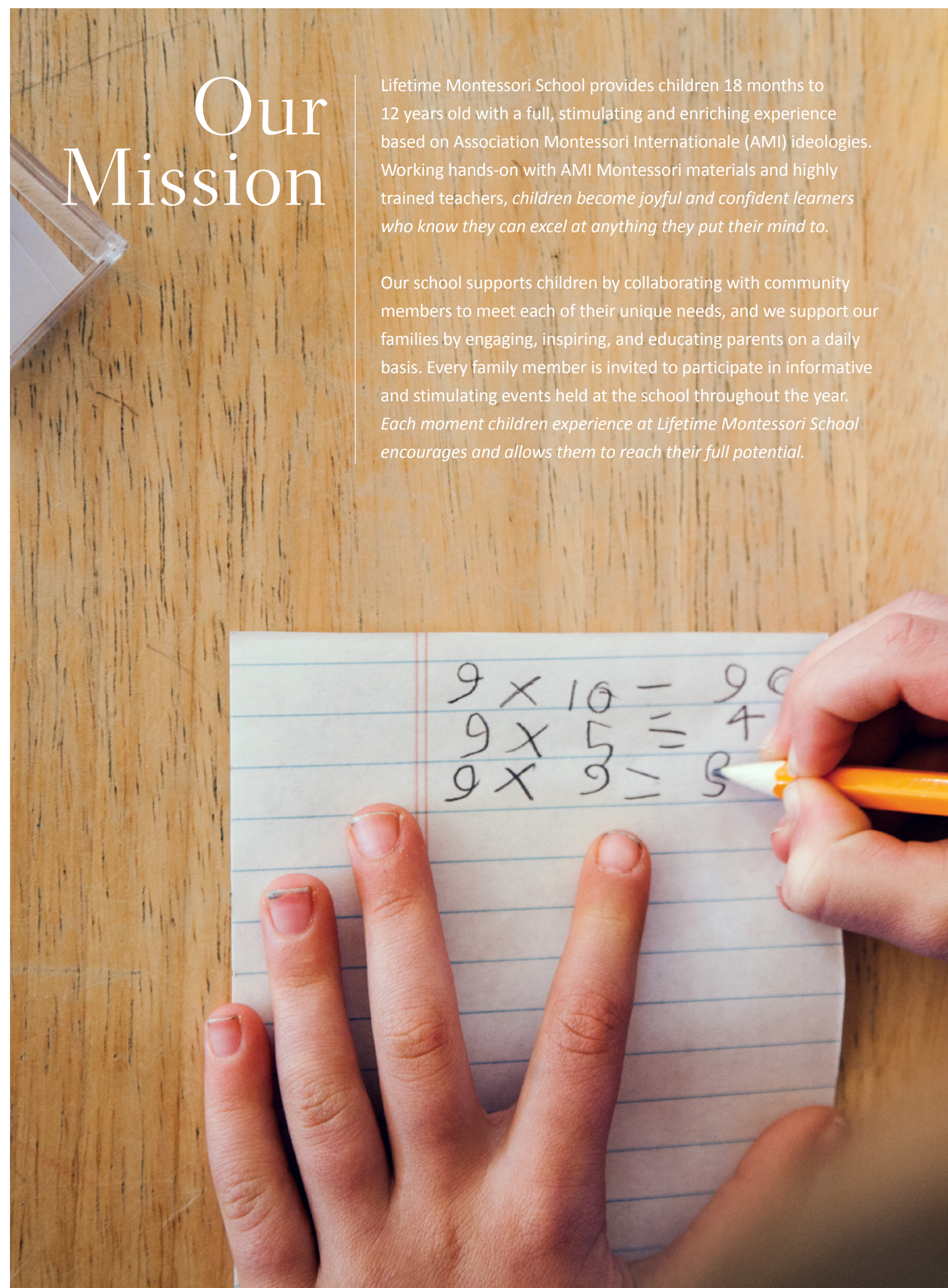
Lifetime Montessori School aims to cultivate children to be independent free thinkers, joyful learners, confident individuals and active participants in their community. Our goal is to work with a diverse group of families that feel confident parenting with the Montessori methodology—allowing their children freedom of choice, exploration and discovery. *Together, the school and community will produce children who care for their environment, value their community, are inspired to follow their own path, and will excel in all areas of interest.*



Our Mission

Lifetime Montessori School provides children 18 months to 12 years old with a full, stimulating and enriching experience based on Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) ideologies. Working hands-on with AMI Montessori materials and highly trained teachers, *children become joyful and confident learners who know they can excel at anything they put their mind to.*

Our school supports children by collaborating with community members to meet each of their unique needs, and we support our families by engaging, inspiring, and educating parents on a daily basis. Every family member is invited to participate in informative and stimulating events held at the school throughout the year. *Each moment children experience at Lifetime Montessori School encourages and allows them to reach their full potential.*



Our Three Educational Programs

The Toddler Environment: 18 months to age 3

“Little children, from the moment they are weaned, are making their way toward independence.”

—Maria Montessori

The goal of our Toddler Program is to create a sense of accomplishment, pride and independence; develop confidence; and impart knowledge. Dr. Montessori found when children feel confident in their abilities they have a more positive attitude toward learning. “I can do it myself!” is what we want to hear. Under the nurturing guidance of our teachers, toddlers learn to care for themselves and their environment (potty training, dressing themselves, cleaning up toys, etc.). Hands-on activities and games refine motor skills, teach basic concepts, and expose children to art and music. Socialization is also an integral part of each moment in the classroom, with children learning from each other. When toddlers move from focusing on themselves to helping others, we know they are ready to move to our Primary Program.

The Primary Environment: age 3 through kindergarten

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”

—Maria Montessori

Our Primary Program is a 3-year preparation to first grade that includes kindergarten. We welcome 3-, 4- and 5-year olds to join this program at any stage. Dr. Montessori discovered that younger children in the classroom learn faster when emulating older children. Conversely, older children retain a better understanding of materials and concepts when they have the opportunity to “teach” younger students. When you observe this program, you’ll see the magic of a mixed community working together.

Children need an interactive, hands-on, educational environment to become self-motivated and successful learners. At this age, they are very engaged and physical learners, so the materials in their environment are built to respond to their physical need to gain educational achievement. The classroom is specifically designed to allow every child to succeed academically, emotionally and socially. Children are free to explore with their senses to fully understand the world around them, receiving the security and consistency that are so important at this stage of their development. As children work to better understand the world of geography, science (botany, zoology) and cultures, they begin to read and write while learning concrete math concepts including the decimal system and geometry. Art and music are also integrated into the curriculum so children can explore any area they wish without leaving their community. Once we see children are progressing toward more abstract concepts and have greater independence and care of the community, we know they are ready to move to the Elementary Program.

The Elementary Environment: ages 6-12

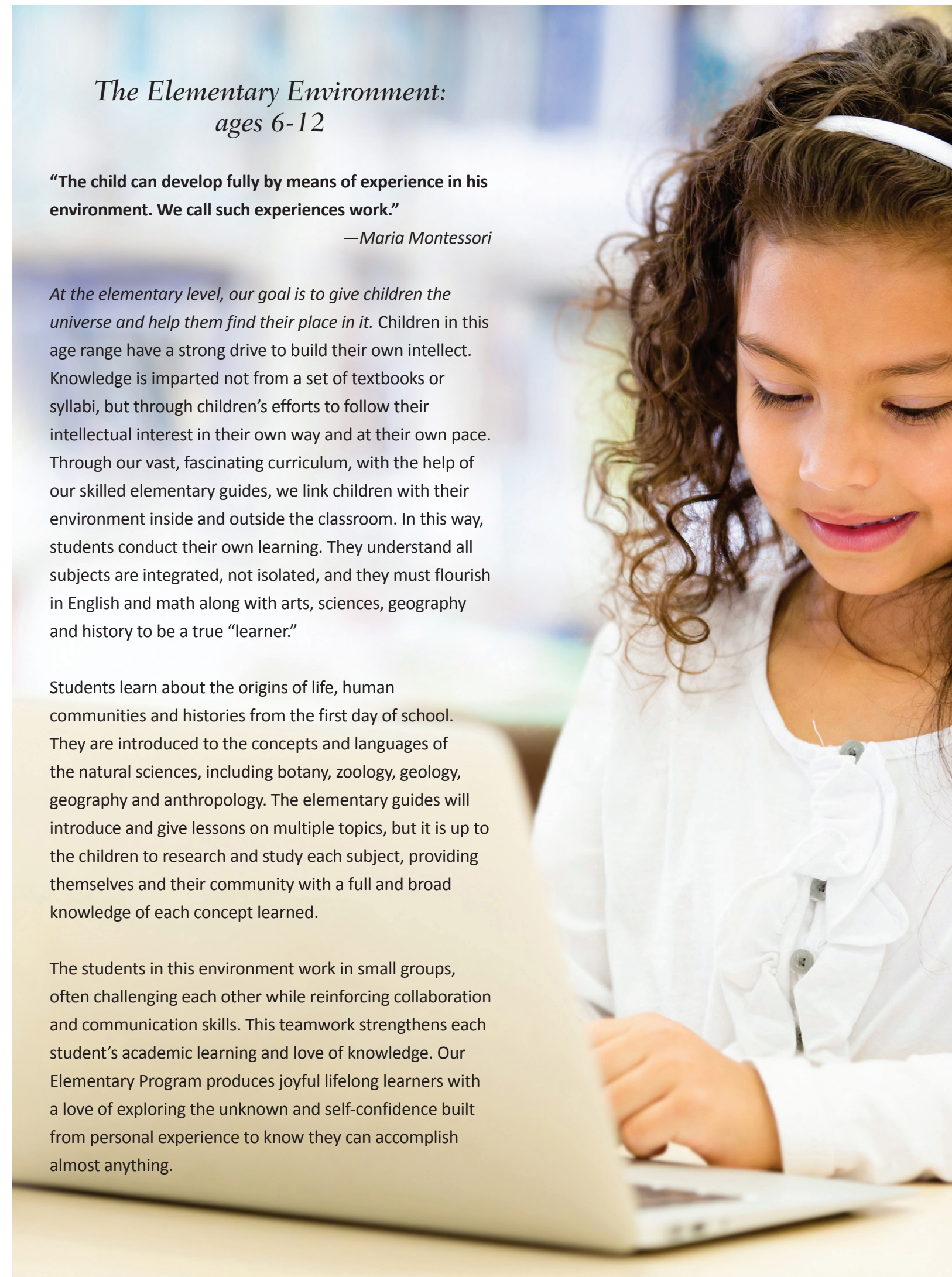
“The child can develop fully by means of experience in his environment. We call such experiences work.”

—Maria Montessori

At the elementary level, our goal is to give children the universe and help them find their place in it. Children in this age range have a strong drive to build their own intellect. Knowledge is imparted not from a set of textbooks or syllabi, but through children’s efforts to follow their intellectual interest in their own way and at their own pace. Through our vast, fascinating curriculum, with the help of our skilled elementary guides, we link children with their environment inside and outside the classroom. In this way, students conduct their own learning. They understand all subjects are integrated, not isolated, and they must flourish in English and math along with arts, sciences, geography and history to be a true “learner.”

Students learn about the origins of life, human communities and histories from the first day of school. They are introduced to the concepts and languages of the natural sciences, including botany, zoology, geology, geography and anthropology. The elementary guides will introduce and give lessons on multiple topics, but it is up to the children to research and study each subject, providing themselves and their community with a full and broad knowledge of each concept learned.

The students in this environment work in small groups, often challenging each other while reinforcing collaboration and communication skills. This teamwork strengthens each student’s academic learning and love of knowledge. Our Elementary Program produces joyful lifelong learners with a love of exploring the unknown and self-confidence built from personal experience to know they can accomplish almost anything.



Working in the Lifetime Montessori garden teaches children about cultivating plants and vegetables, while they grow by being encouraged to reach their full potential.



Self-expression occurs inside the classroom as well as outdoors under the sunny Santaluz sky.



The lessons children learn at Lifetime Montessori will help them become successful at whatever they want to do in life.

Montessori-educated people around the world include Jeffrey Bezos, Amazon.com founder; Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Prize winner for Literature; and Great Britain's Prince William and Prince Harry.



Children at Lifetime Montessori progress at their own pace and gradually discover their potential by working with self-correcting Montessori materials.



Expanded in 2013, the Lifetime Montessori campus houses a Toddler Program, Primary Program and Elementary Program.

Lifetime Montessori's teachers are highly educated, and they've all completed the rigorous Association Montessori International training.



Plenty of scientifically based research exists showing that children in Montessori schools do better on standardized tests.



Lifetime Montessori prepares children to become lifelong learners and problem solvers—providing "education for life."

Speaking of Montessori

“The Montessori method—learning by doing—once again became my stock in trade.”

— *Katharine Graham,*
owner/editor of the Washington Post

“We always knew our children would attend a Montessori program—but we never thought we’d find such an amazing school so close to home. After looking at many other Montessori schools, we were extremely impressed with the facility, materials and all the teachers. There are so many other reasons why we love Lifetime Montessori: easy drop-off and pick-up car lane, seasonal family events, a variety of after-school activities, and parent education nights. We really feel lucky to have found this amazing Montessori school.”

— *Randi and Michael Hirsch,*
Lifetime Montessori parents

“I really enjoyed the Montessori method. I could grow at my own pace.”

— *Sergey Brin,*
co-founder of Google

“Your school is the finest Montessori school I’ve seen. In the last 4 months, we’ve seen our daughter become more independent, smarter and comprehensive. She’s been very happy there, and therefore, we’re happy. Your teaching staff has been wonderful and I’ve enjoyed building a strong rapport with them.”

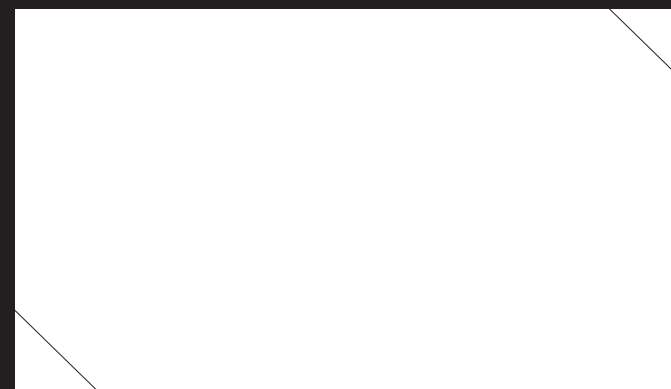
— *Sandra Kinghorn,*
Lifetime Montessori parent

“Before elaborating any system of education, we must create a favorable environment that will encourage the flowering of a child’s natural gifts. All that is needed is to remove the obstacles. And this should be the basis of, and point of departure for, all future education.”

— *Maria Montessori*

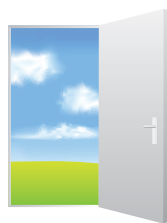
“Montessori taught me the joy of discovery... It showed you can become interested in pretty complex theories, like Pythagorean theory, say, by playing with blocks. It’s all about learning on your terms, rather than a teacher explaining stuff to you.”

— *Will Wright,*
designer of The Sims



“Free the child’s
potential and you will
transform him into the
world.”

—*Maria Montessori*



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*Lifetime Montessori is located in the heart of the Santaluz community,
just three miles north of SR-56 freeway (exit Camino Del Sur).*