



Infant. Preschool. Kindergarten. Elementary
"Building a Foundation for a Bright Future"

**Summer Program
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Infant-Elementary

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Montessori Method

Who started the Montessori Method?

Dr. Montessori was born (1870) in Italy first woman doctor. Using her scientific background, she began observing children in the "Casa de Bambini" a children's houses of Rome. Based on her unbiased observations she created unique materials, a child centered environment. Dr. Montessori was one of the first person to revolutionize education thought by stressing respect for the child, freedom of expression, self education and training through use of movement and senses.

What is the Montessori Method of Education?

The Montessori method of education is basically a unique approach to learning. Rather than "teaching" The child concepts, an environment is designed to stimulate the child's interest and facilitate his or her understanding and learning capacities spontaneously-with little or no adult intervention.

What is the purpose of the Montessori Method?

The main purpose of the Montessori Method is to develop an environment where the child can unfold spontaneously and manifest the greater person within. According to Dr. Montessori, "The child is the father of the man." As the child begins to develop this innerself, his/ her love of life and learning expand continuously.

What is in a Montessori Classroom?

The Montessori Classroom is a child size world. Whatever is in the world outside can be incorporated in the Montessori Classroom. To a child, the world is unmanageable-it is too big, too complex and too confusing. By careful selection of materials by the directress, an environment is setup which allows the child to explore life in a level he or she can understand. The materials are designed to stimulate independent exploration. This prepared environment allows the child to proceed at his or her pace from simple activities to more complex ones. Through this process the child's natural curiosity is satisfied and he or she begins to experience the joy of discovering the world. Materials and curriculum includes Everyday living activities,

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- Infants-8 Weeks to 1 Year
- Toddler-1 Year to 16 Months
- Primary Montessori-16 Months to 2 1/2 Years
- Junior Preschool-2 1/2 Years
- Senior Preschool-3 to 4 Years
- Pre-Kindergarten-4 to 5 Years
- Kindergarten, Elementary

Our Philosophy

We believe that learning is a lifelong adventure. We believe in facing each day with minds open to knowledge and hearts open to love. We believe in the freedom to wonder, to ask, to explore, to imagine, to create.

