

Early Childhood Montessori

(Spanish, French or Mandarin Program)



General FQA's

Q: How is lunch handled?

A: Students need to bring lunch from home daily.

Q: Are snacks provided?

A: Parents are asked to pay a \$100 annual snack fee which covers morning snack for the full school year. SBMA provides healthy snacks which include fresh fruit, raw vegetables, grains and dairy. Milk and water are available daily.

Q: What about snacks for students with food allergies?

A: Students with documented food allergies are not required to pay the snack fee and are asked to bring snacks from home daily. Designated tables are maintained in each eating area for students with food allergies.

Q: How does SBMA prepare for potential accidents?

A: All our teachers are First Aid and CPR trained, and are prepared to administer rescue medication for students with documented allergies in case of emergency.

Q: How does SBMA prepare for potential building or other school-wide emergencies?

A: SBMA practices emergency evacuation routines and runs fire drills monthly. Our loving staff takes good care to minimize the stress of these drills on our students, while emphasizing the importance of understanding the routine. All exterior doors of our facility remain locked throughout the day.

Early Childhood Montessori FAQ's

Q: What is the age range of students in the Early Childhood Montessori Class?

A: Each classroom consists of children of mixed ages, 3-6 years old.

Q: How many students and teachers are in each Early Childhood Montessori Class?

A: Each Montessori class consists of 30 students and 4 teachers.

Q: How is the Early Childhood Montessori Class staffed?

A: Our Spanish Montessori Program has a class of its own with a Lead Montessori Teacher, a Spanish Language Instructor, a Bilingual Assistant Teacher and an Assistant Teacher.

Q: How is the French/Mandarin Montessori Class staffed?

A: Our French Montessori Program has a class of its own with a Lead Montessori & French Teacher, a Mandarin Language Instructor and two Bilingual Assistant Teachers.

Q: How do the children spend their day in the Early Childhood Montessori Class?

A: The children are completely immersed in the Montessori lessons designed for their individual learning abilities. They will have the opportunity to choose age and skill appropriate lessons from each of the four basic Montessori areas, which include practical life and sensorial (spooning, pouring, sorting, individual dressing frames, preparing their environment, etc.), mathematics (numbers, sequencing, addition, subtraction, etc.), language (phonetics, reading, writing, matching, etc.), and science/social studies (shapes, size, relationships, manners, etc.).

Q: Do the children work alone?

A: At any time a child may be working one-on-one with a teacher, individually, with a friend or two, or in a group with a teacher.



World Language FAQ's

Q: What world languages are offered to SBMA students?

A: SBMA offers Spanish, French or Mandarin to students in the Early Childhood Montessori Program.

Q: Will students learn more than one world language while enrolled at SBMA?

A: Students will receive daily instruction in the one language program selected by each family, and will also be exposed to the other languages taught at SBMA throughout the year.

Q: How is world language incorporated into the students' day?

A: In the Early Childhood program, SBMA's dedicated world language instructors work with students in small groups for 45 minutes each morning. While in their world language classes, students will hear the secondary language exclusively. Throughout the day, while in the Montessori space, the world language will be reinforced by our bilingual Montessori Assistants.

Q: How much do children absorb while in your program?

A: Most students that participate in our program for the full 3 years of preschool are conversational in the secondary language. Some students, if ready, begin early literacy skills in the secondary language.

