



## FAST FACTS

- 6:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- Newly-Renovated Facility
- Before and After School Care Available from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

## THE MONTESSORI COMPONENT

- Practical Life
- Math Foundations
- Language & Literacy

The Montessori environment includes order, reality, beauty and simplicity, and is sized to enhance the child's independent functioning. While many of our students may read, write and work arithmetic problems before four years of age, our emphasis is not on academic achievement but on the development of each child's unique potential.

Children explore science, culture, art, music and movement as part of our curriculum.

## PRACTICAL LIFE

The practical life activities contribute to the development of both small and large motor skills of the child. Children at this age gain strength in their hands by doing simple activities such as playing with play-dough, pouring, sifting, scooping, sorting, stringing beads, fitting blocks together, and coloring.

The exercises and materials are also designed to assist the child in becoming self-efficient and independent. The activities provide an opportunity for the children to learn to care for themselves, others, and their environment.

## MATH FOUNDATIONS

As young children explore their environment, they are beginning to notice relationships that are the foundations for our math curriculum such as recognizing numbers, counting items, and understanding the relationship between a numeral and a set of objects. They begin to recognize basic geometric shapes such as circle, square, triangle etc., and understand terms such as big/little, short/tall, more/less, top/middle/bottom, etc.

The child starts to appreciate the practical uses of numbers seen around him/her every day, e.g. clocks, calendars, money, etc. They begin to sort and match objects, arrange things in simple patterns, and identify similarities and differences between items. They begin to understand that math is fun!

## LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Language and literacy is incorporated into every activity throughout the day. The most important language materials for our students are the materials and experiences in the child's environment. Reinforcing the importance of verbal communication, speaking clearly, and supporting the child's expanding vocabulary are a daily process in the classroom environment.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Science
- Culture
- Music
- Art
- Physical Development

## SCIENCE

Our science program includes activities where the child can directly observe and manipulate physical properties. When children can discover on their own through the manipulation of materials and equipment, they feel a great sense of mastery and positive satisfaction. This helps build their confidence, independence, and drive to discover.

Our program will help your child develop an awareness and respect of the natural environment, encourage observation skills, and develop an awareness of their bodies.

## CULTURE

Our environment creates an awareness and respect of cultural differences through the multinational heritage of the teachers and students. Exposure to different cultures is facilitated through language, as well as through activities like reading books, singing songs, and dancing.

Holidays and celebrations from a number of different cultures are taught about and celebrated in the classroom throughout the school year, adding to the cultural education provided by our program.

## MUSIC

Our classroom environment is designed with the knowledge that children naturally communicate through sound even before they are verbal. Singing, speaking, movement, and dancing are all integral parts of the classroom. Children also explore music through education about and use of musical instruments from around the world.



## ART

Art is a way of expressing the creativity that every child is born with. Art projects will primarily focus on process rather than product. Some art projects will be used to teach concepts that coincide with teaching goals, as well as to improve fine motor skills such as holding a marker or cutting.

These activities will promote your child's growing ability to focus. Some projects are open ended, with various resources available for children to explore.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Our teachers encourage the growth and development of your child's gross motor skills. Our program is designed to encourage and explore movement. Movement is fun and an important part of your child's growth and development. Children are also encouraged to demonstrate safe behaviors while participating in activities and playing on the playground.