

About Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was truly a revolutionary educator. She believed that the goal of education should not be to simply fill a child with facts but to cultivate his or her own natural desire to learn.

As Italy's first woman medical doctor, Montessori's work took her to the ghettos of Italy where she saw the need to provide a healthy and constructive environment for the children of the poor working parents who were often left to roam the city.

While creating learning materials suited to the individual needs and interests of these children, Dr. Montessori began to see remarkable results after just a short time. Many of these children, who had never attended school, were found to be scoring as high on standardized tests as children of the privileged class. Their destructive behaviors also improved dramatically.

Soon, educators were coming from around the world to see first hand what many were hailing as a miracle.

Dr. Montessori eventually gave up her medical practice altogether and spent the next 50 years perfecting her approach to education.

The Montessori Christian School is registered with the State of Illinois and the Department of Children and Family Services. It is also a full member of the American Montessori Society (AMS).

Primary Class

Provides a specially prepared environment designed to meet all the learning and growing needs of your 2 ½ to 6 year old.

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| Aftercare | Available Monday through Friday 2:30-5:30 p.m. |
| 3 day Half Day | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| 5 day Half Day | Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| 3 day Full Day | Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| 5 day Full Day | Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. |

Elementary Class

Continues the philosophy and practices of the primary period and prepares children for transition into higher levels of learning.

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| Full Day | Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. |
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For More Information

To learn more, visit online at www.amshq.org. If you would like to observe the classroom, please contact the office to schedule an observation by calling 618-639-1056. Advance arrangements are requested.

Because You Want The Best For Your Child



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Preschool and Elementary
Education for Life –
Proverbs 22:6

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How Your Child Will Benefit

The Montessori Christian School provides high academic standards in an atmosphere that promotes personal responsibility, self-esteem, freedom of choice, love, and respect.



Montessori educators believe that children progress best when allowed to work independently, at their own rate and pace. They watch for your child's readiness to learn a particular subject, without pushing, as pressure may cause your child to lose interest and the love of learning.

Children are allowed to learn according to their developmental needs and to develop their full potential.

Your child will be motivated from within by a natural curiosity and love for knowledge which will carry over beyond the classroom into adult life creating a truly educated person fully capable of dealing with all aspects of his or her individuality and surroundings.

Montessori Method Principles

A Montessori education lays the groundwork to ensure that your child will develop a lifelong love of learning by incorporating the following findings of Dr. Montessori's studies.

Absorbent Mind

Your child possesses an "absorbent mind," particularly between the ages of birth to six. A Montessori trained educator is able to help your child assimilate all aspects of his/her culture during these sensitive periods with minimum fatigue. This is why it is critically important to provide your child the opportunity to take full advantage of this "learning period" by providing the best environment available.



Sensitive Periods

Sensitive periods are the times in your child's life when he or she is developmentally ready to acquire a new skill. During these periods, children seek to develop specific mental functions such as movement, language, order, refinement of the senses, and social awareness. If your child's need for

specific stimuli is not met during any sensitive period, he or she can lose the opportunity for optimal development, making it difficult to acquire a particular skill later.



One of the major responsibilities of the Montessori teacher is to recognize these periods and put your child in touch with the appropriate material in the specially prepared environment.

Prepared Environment

This is the name for the Montessori classroom, which evolved over a 50-year period of working closely with children. Dr. Montessori retained only those activities to which the children were drawn. The result is a dynamic learning environment that meets the ever-changing needs of the "whole" child – spirit, mind, and body.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes "practical life" exercises, sensorial development, language training (reading and writing), mathematics, science, computer basics, geography, history, art, music, physical education, Spanish, carpentry, nature study, gardening, plant and pet care, field trips, and more!