

About Montessori

Dr. Maria Montessori, the first woman to become a physician in Italy was a pioneer in early childhood education. Her discoveries about learning are still innovative, and just now are beginning to reach the mainstream of education. Her philosophy shows the utmost respect for each individual from birth. The potential for each child is far beyond what most people recognize today. The Montessori environment is constructed around the child's needs.

About Du Page Montessori School

Du Page Montessori School is a private non-profit educational institution affiliated with the American Montessori Society and registered with the Illinois State Board of Education. Founded in 1987 by Robert and Sharon Breen, the school has grown in response to community interest for Montessori education. The school offers programs from 15 months through a junior high level. Commitment is the important part of our relationship with the families in our school. We focus on each child as a unique individual by offering learning experiences that satisfy the child's interests. Our vision comes from a philosophy and purpose intended to reach into the future of your child. Parents' support comes naturally as they look into the educational process, and the school becomes an important part of their community.



Du Page Montessori School is a non-profit school admitting students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Summer School

Summer school begins in June and ends in the third week of August. Included in our summer fun: swimming, field trips, gardening, outdoor play and walks, arts and crafts, special guests, and before and after school care.

Sign-up for summer school in early Spring!

Application for Enrollment

Becoming familiar with Montessori education and specifically with what Du Page Montessori School has to offer your child and family is important before enrolling your child. We request that parents observe a class without their child and then meet with us to discuss the observation and the particulars about our school.

Registration for the Fall starts in January and Summer registration begins in early Spring. There may be class openings throughout the year and you may apply for those openings or request to be put on a waiting list.

Observing other Montessori schools in the area will benefit you in making a decision on a school for your child. Making a good match is as important to us as it is for you.

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Toddler	3 to 6	Elementary
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Toddler

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The Programs All programs are five days a week during the school year. We have found this beneficial for the child to have continuity in learning experiences. Our programs include a 15 months to 3 year old class, 3-6 year old class, and an Elementary School.

Practical Life The foundation for learning is built by refining gross and fine motor skills. Practical life includes real life activities that are interesting and purposeful. The child experiences satisfaction in a job well done. Whether by polishing brass, watering plants or cleaning a table, the child becomes confident and independent through feeling part of the classroom community.



Children who enter this class have the opportunity to develop skills before they enter the 3-6 year class. The child's love and need for order is the strongest now. Offering a warm and secure environment with stimulating materials gives the child an opportunity to work independently and experience successful activities each day. Social interactions bring the young child out into the world through developing friendships.

Nature We encourage parents to help their child discover the world outside the classroom. Exploring nature helps the child to see and place themselves as part of the world. Science and geography will become more real for the child when they have experiences in nature. Children need healthy periods of both outside and inside activities.

3 to 6

Naperville and Wheaton

The Montessori Environment The Montessori classroom will include mathematics, language arts, science, geography, music, and art. Practical life and sensorial areas develop the necessary foundation for learning in all areas.



This Montessori program is a continuation of the 15 months to 3 year program. Children now entering Montessori will learn the order of the environment and develop their foundation in practical life and sensorial.

The advantage of the different ages allows the children to absorb the activities of the older children. Children are like small sponges soaking up everything around them. Older children will experience leadership and mastery of the environment. They take on more responsibility while building confidence that lasts a lifetime.

Social Relationships As children work together they learn skills in communication and respect for each other. Children learn in large and small group situations, as well as, individually with the teacher thus enabling children to learn to work well as individuals and in groups. Learning to resolve situations makes the child bring his awareness outside himself. He learns to feel for others and actively wants to help other classmates.

Elementary

Naperville

Building a Foundation The Montessori environment satisfies the child's need to learn with their whole self. Physical expression and experiences are the basis for the child to develop skills.

Elementary children go out into the world on a regular basis. They follow their studies into museums, theater and special community presentations. Montessori elementary is one of the best kept secrets of education. This is where all the foundation from 3-6 years old is expanded into all academic studies.



The Montessori philosophy makes a broad leap into the elementary years. Children with the skills and social abilities developed from their 3-6 Year Class learn and grow at a much faster rate. Their interests now branch out to all the areas of learning. Lessons begin with the history of life and human civilization. A more comprehensive approach is presented to the young student as subjects are interrelated while skills are refined. Additional lessons included are in science, foreign language, art, theater and gymnastics.

Learning to be Happy One of our primary goals is to help your child create the foundation for a happy and productive adulthood. By encouraging children to exercise good judgement, cooperate with others, and use self-discipline, each child becomes a contributing part of the social group.

Montessori Education is a gift to your child that lasts a lifetime. Through daily discoveries and thirsting for more knowledge your child is well prepared for their life ahead.