



What is Montessori education?

While learning through exploration and hands on experiences, the Montessori philosophy is one of respect for the child, peace, movement, and intrinsic motivation in a prepared environment that fosters meaningful learning. The five areas of the environment are provided to the right.

What does the learning look like?

Each child is purposefully engaged in work of their choice after a lesson has been given. These lessons are selected by the teacher based on the interest and readiness of each student. Education is often integrated in a cross-curricular way. The child is encouraged to discover their own interests and foster their love of learning.

What is the role of the teacher?

Teachers, also known as guides, present lessons in sequential order following a carefully structured path of learning. Teachers allow students the freedom with responsibility to practice concrete concepts. Guides foster a love of learning through consistent expectations and an intentional framework in the prepared environment.

What does the environment look like?

Montessori furnishings are designed for children and scaled to their size. All materials are easily within student reach. Natural, real, and beautiful materials are utilized. Environments are filled with art work, natural lighting, plants, and delicate materials to promote a sense of pride within their space.

Why have a multiage environment?

The Montessori method uses mixed age groups in each environment where students are inspired and mentored by one another. These educational cycles last three years and are based on the four planes of development. These years together strengthen the relationship between the environment, teachers, and peers fostering a solid community.

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PRACTICAL LIFE

The development of skills that the child will use in their daily lives: fine motor, concentration, and functional independence in activities such as cleaning and food preparation.

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SENSORIAL

Refining the child's senses: sight, touch, sound, smell and taste, the materials are designed to help children process sensory input and aid in understanding the world around them.

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MATHEMATICS

Montessori math is designed to provide students with concrete experiences of abstract concepts. This experience with tangible materials allows for growth beyond typical expectations.

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LANGUAGE

Children are immersed in a language rich environment with a foundation of spoken language supported by the introduction to sounds, mechanics of writing, and an eventual language explosion.

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CULTURE

A Montessori education incorporates science, history, music, art, and geography exposing children to social responsibilities, their community, and the ever-changing world around them.



ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration is open for all 3 and 4 year olds as well as elementary aged students. Priority placement is given to students within the New York boundary. Scan the QR code or visit www.usd497.org/NewStudentRegistration

Our care of the children should not be the desire to 'make them learn things', but by the endeavor always to keep burning within them the light which is called intelligence.

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PreK Tuition

Tuition for our 3 and 4 year old learners will be required for families that do not qualify for the KSDE Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program . In these instances, a \$560 fee will be charged per month.

Requests for Transfer

Families living outside of the New York attendance area may apply for a transfer to New York for their kindergartner and elementary siblings. New York school families choosing a traditional classroom environment may apply for a transfer to Cordley Elementary. Complete a transfer request at www.usd497.org/Transfers. The district considers transfer requests on a first-come-first-served basis, as space is available, and does not provide transportation.



School Supplies (Primary)

- ✓ Water bottle-labeled with child's name
- ✓ Inside shoes-slip on or velcro with flexible sole
- ✓ Two boxes of facial tissues
- ✓ 3 and 4 year old resting gear
- ✓ Prisma or Prang 12 pack colored pencils

Communal Materials



In the Montessori environment, many classroom materials are shared amongst the children. Please scan the QR code to help equip each environment with necessary materials throughout the school year.

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