



2012/2013 Program Options

| PROGRAM | AGE RANGE | CLASS SIZE | TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO | SCHEDULE OPTIONS | CURRICULUM OVERVIEW |
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| TODDLER | 16 months to 3 years | 10 children | 2 teachers / 5:1 ratio | Tu, Th MWF M-F full & ½ days | <p>The Toddler classrooms offer an introduction to Montessori Education. Upon arrival, the children begin by preparing themselves and their environment for the day's events. The children change in to inside shoes, help care for the class plants and pets, assist with filling water basins and wiping down the tables, and then wash their hands. Work time follows with the children choosing activities from the shelves in the areas of Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Art. Small group cooking and art projects are offered as a choice during the morning work time. The toddlers participate as a group in snack, circle time, storybooks, and outside or gross motor play in our playroom. Working towards independence in self-care skills is a focus in the young toddler's life. Low sinks, toilets, drawers for their belongings, tables and chairs assist the children as they practice dressing, toileting, and feeding themselves. The full day includes a 1 ½ hour nap time. After rest the children are offered a snack and second work period. The day ends with recess outside.</p> |

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| DOWNSTAIRS PRESCHOOL | Multi-age 3-5 yrs. | 14 children | 2 teachers / 7:1 ratio | Tu, Th MWF Tu, W, Th full & ½ days | The Downstairs Preschool offers an introduction to the Montessori Primary classroom with a variety of part time schedules while the Upstairs Preschool offers the traditional Montessori environment with its consistent five days per week schedule. After a short arrival period of socializing and free choice in any of the preschool classrooms, the children come together for a morning meeting. Songs, discussions about the seasons, weather, news of the day and new material presentations are included in this first circle time. Work time follows for the next hour and a half. The children explore the various areas of the classroom, receiving lessons from teachers, making independent work choices or working with friends. The Preschoolers are exposed to concepts in Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, The Arts, Sciences, and Cultural Studies. The full day program includes a shortened rest period and an enrichment activity relating to art, cooking, or the cultural areas. |
| UPSTAIRS PRESCHOOL | Multi-age 3-5 yrs. | 21 children | 3 teachers / 7:1 ratio | M-F full & ½ day or a combination of both | |
| PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN | Multi-age 4-6 yrs. 4 by Oct. 15 th 5 by Oct. 15 th | 20 children | 2 teachers / 10:1 ratio | M-F full & ½ day or a combination of both | The Kindergarten offers a continuation of the Montessori curriculum with the exploration of advanced materials and variations with the core Montessori apparatus. The morning program includes an independent work period during which time the children choose activities from the 11 classroom areas. The children may work independently or with peers and will receive individual and small group lessons over the course of a week. A daily literacy block allows the children to experience reading and writing activities in a creative and non-threatening way. The full day in the Kindergarten offers a short rest/chapter book-reading period followed by an enrichment activity. The afternoon enrichments include culinary arts, science experiments, cultural activities, as well as exploration of art studio materials. |

*All programs include lunch, outside play (weather permitting) and weekly mini-lessons in French (or Spanish), Sign Language, Movement, Adventure Play, Music, and Peace Studies.