



WELCOME TO
CORONATION MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL
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An Authentic Montessori PreSchool
for children 3- 6 years old.

*The child can only develop fully by means of experience in their environment.
We call such experience "work".* Maria Montessori (*The Absorbent Mind*)

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An Authentic Montessori PreSchool:

Has respectful, sensitive, calm, trained teachers who fully understand Maria Montessori's vision for children and are able to trust that the children will show them the way, specific learning materials and a carefully planned environment that is developmentally suited to the sensitive periods of children who are 3 to 6 years old.

- Children learn cooperative social skills
- Develop self-control
- Learn to take initiative
- Develop an analytical mindset
- And, most importantly, develop a lifelong joy, love and excitement for learning

A Montessori environment is carefully prepared to emphasize learning as a process that cannot be determined by a child's age. An authentic Montessori school has:

- > Trained Montessori Teachers
- > A Multi-age classroom
- > Using Montessori materials
- > Child-Directed work
- > Uninterrupted work periods

Our 3 hour class / 3 times per week is ideal for our preschool age children with its consistency of days, an ideal amount of class time for children and a predictable routine with a carefully prepared environment. With some of our covid restrictions still in place for all of our safety, events and gatherings that would normally include all family members may need to be altered as we go along to abide by the current health authority guidelines. The children will be celebrating these occasions during their class time throughout the year and I will be capturing this through photos and will share them with you.

Our class time routine

- > ARRIVAL
- > WELCOME CIRCLE
- > MONTESSORI WORK (a prepared environment for developmental growth)
- > SNACK (children delight in enjoying a special snack from home)
- > OUTSIDE TIME

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1. Individualized Approach:

An authentic Montessori environment supports the individual development of your child. In an authentic Montessori classroom, the environment provides opportunities for your child. A Montessori teacher is an observer and gentle guide in the classroom and assists the child at exactly the right moment without interrupting the child's pace, concentration or thoughts. Children engage in their work at their own pace while enjoying the beautifully prepared classroom through hands on materials specifically chosen to invite children to engage and explore. Children gain a respect for their environment and feel comfortable and confident in their choices as they mature in their abilities to concentrate and care for their environment. They expand their knowledge and discover a deeper sense of what they are capable of.

2. Calm and Peaceful Classrooms:

As the children engage in their environment, the classroom becomes calm and peaceful. You will see many children deep in concentration as they choose an activity and work with it for a good long time. Other children are moving in the classroom as they choose an activity and sit down to work, but the movement in the classroom is respectful and purposeful.

3. A Beautiful Classroom Environment:

Montessori classroom environments are exquisitely prepared with materials laid out by subject on long, low shelves. The materials will be clean and beautiful and alluring to your child. You will see a lot of materials made of wood and glass and natural fibres. Authentic Montessori classrooms have materials that facilitate independence: small brooms & dustpans to clean up, plants and watering cans, sponges and trays, pitchers and glasses, clothes pegs and clothes lines, ingredients like flour, salt, sugar, yeast and water for baking, glass vases and fresh flowers to practice flower arranging, or small applicators to shine metals and mirrors. You will see very carefully selected reading materials. Some of which will be handmade by the teachers and some are handmade by the children. You will also see the most amazing mathematics materials that concretize concepts to facilitate understanding in learning. Lastly, you will see the full complement of Montessori materials that allow your child to learn academic subjects in Language, Mathematics, Geography & Science.

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4. Art and Music in an authentic Montessori classroom are very important not only for academic achievement but also for memory, enhancing creativity, improving social skills, improving language and reading skills, enhancing critical thinking, building confidence, creating personal and cultural connections, instilling discipline and for the soothing enjoyment that art and music provide to the soul.
5. **Multi-Age Classrooms:**
Authentic Montessori classrooms group children together by three-year age spans. This means children in a class will be 3 - 6 years old. Older children model respectful behaviours and advanced work that the younger children will eventually one day experience. Younger children certainly benefit from this mentoring—but also the older children, irrespective of personality, are afforded an opportunity of leadership.
6. **Authentic Montessori Outdoors:**
Authentic Montessori programs should also provide a beautiful inspiring outdoor area where children can receive all the same benefits as they have in their indoor classroom as well as additional benefits. These include, more physical space for large muscle development, fresh air for lung development, games and role playing activities for social development. An outdoor environment should have many different surfaces and textures for sensorial development. An abundance of plants and trees also enhances sensorial development and will encourage insects, animals and birds to visit. All of this gives children the opportunity for hands on learning in a healthy safe environment. such as growing a garden that they will harvest and enjoy eating.
7. Children are not compared against each other. They all have their own pace and interests and they are respected and nurtured as they move through these periods. Observing, adjusting the environment and individual lessons in the correct use of the Montessori materials as well as an abundance of sensorial and practical life activities will continue to help children develop at their own pace without any stress and will provide the children with a strong sense of independence and security combined with pride in their environment and control over their own learning. Parents will receive updates on their child's progress throughout the year, both formally and informally.

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Maria Montessori Inspirational Quotes

The child has a different relation to his environment from ours... the child absorbs it. The things he/she sees are not just remembered; they form part of their soul. They incarnate in themselves in the world about them that their eyes see and ears hear . Maria Montessori The Absorbent Mind

The little child's need for order is one of the most powerful incentives to dominate his early life.

Maria Montessori
The Absorbent Mind, p. 173

These children reveal to us the most vital need of their development, saying: "Help me to do it alone!"

Maria Montessori
From Childhood to Adolescence, p. 65

Repetition is the secret to perfection, and this is why the exercises are connected with the common activities of daily life. If a child does not set a table for a group of people who are really going to eat, if he does not have real brushes for cleaning, and real carpets to sweep whenever they are used, if he does not himself have to wash and dry dishes and glasses he will never attain any real ability. And if he does not live a social life based on proper education. He will never attain that graceful naturalness which is so attractive in our children.

Maria Montessori
The Discovery of the Child, p. 94



“The land
is where
our roots are.
The children
must be taught
to feel and live
in harmony
with the
Earth.”

