

Hands-On Learning

At Northfield Montessori, children engage in many learning activities that evolve with their development in the programs at the school. Children start with sign language in the infant program and continue to advance signing skills through the kindergarten program. Toddlers learn basic Spanish and advanced preschool curriculum incorporates more of the sign language and Spanish. Linguistics children hatch chicks, grow their own garden, learn yoga, develop self confidence and make lifelong friends!

Large Motor

NM offers many opportunities for children to "be active." Our facility offers three wonderful outdoor play areas, based on age level (infant, toddler, and preschool/ kindergarten) and a large indoor multi-purpose room for days when weather prohibits getting outside. Balancing childrens' minds and bodies is a top priority at NM.

Food

NM takes pride in serving children healthy food. We work with local farm families and also grow our own garden to provide snacks and portions of meals served at school. We believe learning how food is grown and how to make healthy choices at a young age is knowledge that will last a lifetime.

All of our meals are prepared in a state-of-the-art on-site kitchen by a certified food manager. NM is a peanut -free environment.

Enroll

Northfield Montessori is a secure facility open Monday through Friday from 6am to 6pm.

We offer flexible full- and part-time schedules to accommodate varied family needs.

Northfield Montessori is an equal opportunity provider.

Call or contact us via our website to schedule a time to visit our child-centered facility and unique curriculum.

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"WITHIN THE CHILD LIES
THE FATE OF THE FUTURE."

-Dr. Maria Montessori



Northfield Montessori is a parent-teacher cooperative that promotes the development of the whole child - socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually - ages six weeks to six years. By providing a learning environment that encourages creative thinking, self-discipline and self motivation, we instill in children a passion for lifelong learning.

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About Montessori

The Montessori Method of education was developed in Europe by Dr. Maria Montessori in the 1920s. It is based on a unique format which introduces new ideas to children utilizing sensorial materials, allowing the children to become familiar with the new concept in an independent but structured setting. The method establishes learning situations where peer interaction plays an important role in conveying and reinforcing the concept being taught. Pedagogical strategies are based on each individual child's stage and style of learning. Importantly, The Montessori Method also incorporates fun along the way!

Teaching

All NM teachers have two-or four-year degrees in child development, and all Montessori lead teachers are certified in the Montessori Method.

All of NM's teachers are trained in first aid, CPR, Shaken Baby Syndrome and SIDS, which exceeds the requirement of our licensing agency, the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Our highly qualified and caring staff members have a combined 150 years of dedicated service to Northfield Montessori families.

Parent conferences are held twice within the school year to notify parents of their child's intellectual, physical, social and emotional development.

Infants

NM's infant program houses babies six weeks to sixteen months old. Our experienced care-givers help you and your children make the transition to child care by providing personal attention to your infant's needs. Your baby's schedule and feeding habits will be respected. Each child receives a daily report, so you will know what your baby did during the day. You will also have the opportunity to participate in conferences with the staff to discuss your baby's developmental progress.

Toddlers

The toddler program is designed to accommodate developmental stages of children seventeen months to thirty-three months. Large motor development, play to stimulate the imagination, and table manners and group dynamics all prepare toddlers for preschool Montessori work. Art projects, story time, fun with music, and the flannel board pepper the list of sensory activities. Parents receive a daily report which includes activities, food consumption, naps and diaper changes/potty training progress.

Preschool

At NM, here are two learning environments for preschoolers. In the Discovery rooms, children participate in more teacher-directed activities and have time for individual play. Play areas include building materials, housekeeping equipment and manipulations. In the Montessori room, students choose their own "work" from certified Montessori materials: tower activities, spindle boxes, and sandpaper letters are examples. The expansive pre-school playground is ideal for large motor development and group activities. Children have fun tending the garden in the growing season and building snow forts in the winter. Parents of preschoolers receive a daily report which includes works completed, activities, food consumed, and nap times.

Kindergarten

NM's kindergarten program prepares children for either kindergarten or first grade using the materials in the pre-school curriculum with added emphasis on preparation for the social and intellectual demands of elementary school. The basics of writing and reading are taught using the Montessori Method of hands-on, individualized guidance. Parents may receive a daily report that includes activities, work, food consumed and works completed.