

# The Classroom

## The Environment

A well prepared, beautiful, and organized environment is created for the children where they explore, problem solve, and learn by utilizing Montessori materials and by interacting with their peers. The classroom becomes a safe, inviting, joyful place where great learning takes place.

## Multi-age Classroom

The multi-age classroom invites children to learn within a familiar community of peers. Younger children learn from the older children who, in turn, refine their skills and become mentors.

## Learning Experiences

Children participate in both independent and group learning activities. Taking turns, helping others, caring for the classroom materials and pets; learning about themselves and others are important parts of each day in a Montessori classroom. Respect for self, others, and the environment is a core value in a Montessori classroom, and it is evident in the relationships formed among the children and the adults

## Areas in the Classroom

Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Mathematics, Culture, Art, and Music are all part of everyday activities and fun.

# About Us

- ✚ Experienced and MACTE Accredited
- ✚ Children 18 months - 6 years
- ✚ Full and part time programs
- ✚ Beautiful prepared environment
- ✚ Working with parents to provide an excellent 'first' school experience
- ✚ Snacks provided & Hot Lunch Program

# Our School Philosophy

Cornerstone Montessori follows the Montessori Approach to education of young children. In saying this, we believe that each child is an explorer within his/her environment and that we as adults should observe and allow the children to choose freely his/her own work. Children are to be treated with respect and love at all times. It is important that children work, through the environment, and guidance of staff to become independent and caring individuals, self-disciplined, peacekeepers, and conscious of community.

Our School Program offers a work period for the child, which allows them to discover and engage in activities without disruption from staff or by an agenda. It is important that children feel that they are able to begin and complete activities without being rushed by time restraints. Therefore we allow a 2 - 2 1/2 hour work period each morning designed for the children to explore. They are welcome to enjoy snack, a rest period, or engage in activity within this time as they so choose. The staff is always available to observe, read, and to connect the children with activities in the classroom.

## About Montessori

Montessori education was founded in 1907 by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first woman in Italy to become a physician. She based her educational methods on scientific observation of children's learning processes. Guided by her discovery that children teach themselves, Dr. Montessori designed a prepared environment in which children could freely choose from a number of developmentally appropriate activities. Now, more than a century after Maria Montessori's first *Casa dei Bambini* or Children's House in Rome, Montessori education is found all over the world. Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities within the classroom, guided by experienced teachers. Learning is an exciting process of discovery leading to: concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning.

## Come for the Experience

Cornerstone Montessori Academy welcomes you to come and experience our classroom. You are always welcome to bring your child with you. Your child's first learning experience should be a fun and exciting occasion, and we would love to share this special time with you.



"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child"  
~Maria Montessori~

## Cornerstone Montessori Academy



~Inspiring your child's love  
for learning~

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