

Primary Classroom Ages 3-6

- 5 days a week with a full day option - 3 pm dismissal
- 5 days a week with a half day option - 12 pm dismissal



What is Montessori education like in the Primary classroom?

The Montessori Method is a child-centered education based on the teachings of Maria Montessori. It allows the child to learn at her own pace in an environment that encourages exploration and discovery. At this age, the child is always asking "Help me to do it by myself." The materials, the structure of the classroom, and guidance from the teacher help the child to become more independent.

The child passes through several sensitive periods, or developmental windows of opportunity, in which she refines her control and coordination of movement, educates the senses, and has a deep fascination with mathematics and language. The child has a mind like a sponge, or as Maria Montessori calls it, an absorbent mind. She takes in new experiences, words, tastes, smells, sounds, and textures; the child is always in awe and wonder of the world around her. She works with child-sized, beautiful, concrete materials which are developmentally appropriate for this stage of development.

The 3-6 year old classroom consists of four areas: Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, and Language.

Children participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions in the atrium once a week, art lessons once a week, music as part of the everyday curriculum in the classroom, and enjoy land-based learning with an outdoor patio and gardening space.