



The Montessori environment contains specially designed materials for development, that invite children to engage in learning activities of their own choice. Under the guidance of a teacher, children in a Montessori classroom learn by making discoveries with the materials, cultivating concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning.

Montessori areas of learning:

- **Practical Life**- enhances the development of task organization and cognitive order through care of self, care of the environment, exercises of grace and courtesy, and coordination of physical movement.
- **Sensorial**- enables the child to order, classify, and describe sensory impressions in relation to length, width, temperature, mass, color, pitch, etc.
- **Mathematics**-makes use of manipulative materials to enable the child to internalize concepts of number, symbol, sequence, operations, and memorization of basic facts.
- **Language and Literacy**- includes oral language development, written expression, reading, grammar, creative dramatics, and children's literature. Basic skills in writing and reading are developed through the use of sandpaper letters, alphabet cut-outs, and various presentations allowing children to link sounds and letter symbols and to express their thoughts through writing.
- **Cultural Subjects** includes Geography, History, and Natural Sciences
- **Creative Subjects** Art, Music and Movement, and Drama