



# Milpitas Montessori School Monthly Tuition Rates (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

**Rates effective September 1, 2016**

PROGRAM	NO Extended Daycare	With Extended Daycare (7am-6pm)
<b>Preschool Full-Time</b> (9:00-3:00)	<b>\$1050</b>	(+ \$140) <b>\$1190</b>
<b>Preschool A.M.</b> (9:00-12:00)	<b>\$770</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Preschool P.M.</b> (12:30-3:30)	<b>\$670</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b> (9:00-3:00)	<b>\$1045</b>	(+ \$140) <b>\$1185</b>

## School Fees, Payment Policies, and Termination

- **Subsidized Child Care:** Effective June 20, 2016, we will no longer be accepting enrollment from families whose tuition is paid by a subsidized child care assistance program. Tuition must be paid directly by parents and/or guardians, as government or any other subsidized agency funding education will not be accepted.
- **Tuition Payment:** Parents must be enrolled in our Smart Tuition auto-pay program, which automatically drafts their account on the 1st of each month.
- **Registration Fee (Non-refundable):** \$135 for new students and an annual \$100 for returning students. Before paying a registration fee, parents must be certain of their child's start date. A child's start date must be indicated on the application page and must be within 30 calendar days from the date registration fee is paid. After this period, the school is no longer obligated to reserve a seat for the child.
- **Deposit:** A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration for new one-student families. Families with more than one student enrolled are required to submit \$300 for each additional child. Refund will be provided in full on last day of school only if a written 30-day withdrawal notice is given AND account is in good standing.
- **Materials Fee:** \$75 for all preschoolers (when applicable) and \$150 for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders is also required.
- **Summer Activity Fee:** \$65 is required for children who are enrolled for any portion of the summer session.
- **Lunch:** Lunch service is not provided. All full-time children must bring lunch from home.

- **Holidays, Closures, and Vacations:** Monthly tuition rate has already factored in all school holidays and closures. Therefore, tuition must still be paid in full regardless of holidays and closures. Tuition will not be further discounted, credited, or prorated due to holidays, closures, or student absences, nor will tuition be increased for longer months. In addition, tuition must be paid in full during vacations and absences.
- **Withdrawal Policy:** A 30-day written notice is required to withdraw from the program. Withdrawal notice cannot be given during the first six weeks of enrollment and/or the first six weeks of the fall session.
- **Termination Policy:** The school reserves the right to terminate a child's enrollment if the child: (1) displays frequent unacceptable, aggressive, or immature behavior, (2) requires a teacher's one-to-one attention, (3) is not fully potty-trained (including wiping/cleaning), (4) has a delinquent account, or (5) if the school feels it cannot meet the physical, emotional, or psychological needs of the child.

# **Milpitas Montessori School Admission Agreement**

## **1. Description of Services:**

The school will provide an academic Montessori program. The different programs are listed below:

Preschool full-time program: 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Preschool AM program: 9:00am – 12:00am

Preschool PM program: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

During this time the children will have the opportunity to participate in many hands-on activities. They will have time to socialize and make friends. The children will participate in large and small group activities and learn how to play simple games. We will be working on the major skills, such as: social/emotional, cognitive, fine and gross motor, language, and self-help.

Daycare: 7:00am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 6:00pm. During this time, we will provide free play, inside and outside and small group activities planned for the afternoons.

## **2. Optional Services:**

The school offers lunch service and day care service. See below for rates of these services. Optional extracurricular activities are also offered to students each year. These classes could include dance, gymnastics, arts and crafts, and music and are available through arrangements with various outside organizations or instructors, and parents may choose to have their child participate. These organizations determine the rates and collect the fees for their classes. Schedules and additional fee information are available through the office. If the parents elect to enroll their child in one of the enrichment programs, there will be a fee for that class payable to the teacher offering the course. The extracurricular classes offered any given year will vary or may be cancelled depending on enrollment.

## **3. Payment Provisions:**

Full time– \$960/month (preschool) and \$965 (k-2<sup>nd</sup>)

Part-time AM– \$700/month

Part-time PM– \$620/month

Two-hour daycare– additional \$120/month

Three or more hours daycare– additional \$180/month

A \$135.00 registration fee and \$500 one-time deposit per child (\$300 per additional child within the family) is required upon enrollment. Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. All parents are required to be a part of our SMART Tuition Auto-debit Program. No child will be enrolled into the program until all paperwork has been completed and checked by the director.

## **4. Modification Conditions:**

If a rate change is needed, parents will be notified at least 30 days in advance.

## **5. Refund Policy:**

All registration fees are non-refundable. Tuition payments will not be refunded, credited, or prorated for holidays, illness, absences, vacations or any other absences. Tuition is paid to reserve your child's placement in the preschool and must be paid whether your child is in attendance or not. If a parent wishes to withdraw their child for any reason, a written thirty-day notice must be given to the Director. Deposit of \$500 is refunded to parents upon withdrawal given that they provide Director with proper notice and all outstanding fees to the school have been paid. Withdrawal and subsequent re-enrollment will entail an additional registration fee.

## **6. Termination Conditions:**

The school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of a child for any of the following reasons:

A. Child has extreme behaviors that injure/harm others in the classroom.

B. Parent/guardian has not paid the agreed upon fee or has been late paying the fee more than twice in a six month period.

C. It has been established by the facility that due to individual circumstances, the facility cannot meet the physical, emotional, and/or psychological needs of the child.

## **7. Rights of the Licensing Agency:**

The State of California Licensing Agency (Community Care Licensing) has the following authority:

A. to interview children, or staff, and to inspect and audit child or facility records without prior consent.

B. to observe the physical condition of the child(ren), including conditions which could indicate abuse, neglect, or inappropriate placement, and to have a Licensed medical professional physically examine the child(ren). The local licensing agency may be contacted at the following address and phone number:

2580 North Street, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95131 (408) 324-2148

**By signing below, I have read the admission policies of Milpitas Montessori School and agree to abide by these policies.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **Milpitas Montessori School Policy**

## **SCHOOL FEES—Subject to change following a 30-day notice**

**\$135** registration fee per child (new students)

**\$100** re-registration fee per child (for continuing students)

**\$500** one-time deposit for new families enrolled for the fall session (**\$300** per additional sibling co-enrolled).

For summer-only enrollment, a **\$250** deposit is required (**\$100** per additional sibling co-enrolled).

**\$65** summer activity fee per child (for summer school students)

**\$50** yearly class material fee for pre-school students under 4 years old

**\$75** yearly class material fee for pre-k students ages 4 and up

**\$150** yearly class material fee for K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students

## **TUITION PAYMENTS**

The first month's tuition is due on the first day of school and every tuition thereafter is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and must be auto-debited through the school's tuition management company, SMART Tuition, Inc. (except first month's which is to be paid directly to the school). The school will apply a service charge if an account fails to auto-debit for any reason. Any check payments made to the school that is returned unpaid by the bank will be subject to a return fee.

If a student starts any time after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, tuition will be prorated for the number of days the child is to attend that month. Monthly tuition must be paid in full during any absences (including vacations, holidays and school breaks) and refunds, credits, and prorates for tuition, school lunches, or daycare fees will not be made for those absences. This includes winter and spring break. If paying for those absences is an issue, the only alternative is withdrawal. This requires a 30-day written notice.

Parents whose children will not attend summer sessions must pay their prorated June tuition directly to the school. The last school day for children who will not stay for the summer session but will return for the fall is the Thursday before the first day of the summer session. These students may not stay for the full month of June. Children who will not stay for the summer but will return for the fall term must pre-pay the first month's prorated tuition of the fall term directly to the school by June 1<sup>st</sup>. For siblings attending simultaneously, a 10% discount will apply only toward the tuition fee of the younger sibling or to the lesser tuition rate. The discount does not apply to daycare or lunch charges. The school reserves the right to refuse assistance to any child whose account is one month overdue and to retain any prepaid fees or deposits until the account has been settled.

## **HOLIDAYS, CLOSURES, AND VACATIONS**

Monthly tuition rate has already factored in all school holidays and closures. Therefore, tuition must still be paid in full regardless of holidays and closures. In addition, tuition must be paid in full during vacations and absences. In the event daycare service is made available by teacher volunteers during winter and/or spring break, parents needing this service are required to pre-pay the volunteers directly, even if their tuition plan already includes extended daycare service. In other words, school tuition does NOT cover daycare service during school breaks.

## **TUITION CHANGES**

If there are seats available, tuition plans may be changed at anytime during the school year. Tuition plan change requests must be submitted in writing to the office, indicating what change is being requested, the date that the change should occur and a signature of the parent making the request. A \$25 administration fee will be imposed to requests made more than three times during the school year (First day of the fall session through the last day of the academic school year).

## **DAYCARE AND LATE PICK-UPS**

**Monthly Flat Rate Daycare:** Tuition for children who are currently enrolled in extended daycare service must be paid in full and cannot not be prorated, credited, or refunded during any absences, vacations, holidays, or school breaks. Children who currently do not have monthly extended daycare service and stays longer than what their chosen plan permits will be charged additional fees (more information below).

**Emergency (Pre-arranged) Daycare:** If there are seats available, parents whose children that currently do not have extended daycare service (before school or after school) may request for emergency daycare service through the office

by either giving advance notice or same-day notice (see below for details). Please note that regardless if it is advance notice or same-day notice, you are limited to three pre-arranged daycare requests per month. On the fourth request, the monthly daycare flat rate will be charged for that month.

Pre-arranged Advance Notice: Parents who inform the school office before 2:00 PM at least one school day prior to the day extended daycare service is needed and receive approval, will be charged a fee of \$10 per hour (no fraction).

Pre-arranged Same-Day Notice: Parents who inform the school office the same day that extended daycare service is needed must do so no later than 2:00 PM that day (notice given after 2:00 will be considered a late pick-up—see below for details). Parents of children on the morning program must inform the school office no later 11:00 AM that day (notice given after 11:00 will be considered a late pick-up—see below for details). Upon approval, a fee of \$15 per hour will be charged.

Late Pick-up/Early Drop-off (Non Pre-arranged) Daycare: All children should arrive and be picked up according to their tuition plan with a 5-minute grace period (except the preschool morning program--no grace period). There is a penalty for parents who do not properly inform the school office about a late pick-up or early drop-off. A fee of \$20 will be charged for every 15-minute increment for each child that is either dropped off earlier or picked up later than their scheduled time. (E.g., A child who is enrolled in the 9:00-3:00 program that is picked up between 3:11pm and 3:15pm will incur a \$20 late fee.)

Late pick-up policy after 6:00 PM: The school closes at immediately at 6:00 PM (no grace period). A fee of \$20 will be charged for each child who is picked up between 6:01-6:10. An additional \$10 will incur for every 5-minute increment thereafter. This is paid in CASH (exact-change only) or by check made payable to “cash” directly to the teachers on duty. There is a \$5 per day penalty fee that is imposed for each day that these fees are not paid.

### **SIGNING IN/OUT**

It is required by the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division that parents/guardians sign their children in and out each time they arrive and leave the school. Parents must note the ACTUAL time they arrive to drop off and/or pick up their child and sign their complete signature. There is a penalty fee for not signing in and out properly (see Sign-In/Out Requirement form in this enrollment packet for details).

### **TERMINATION**

The school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of a child for any of the following reasons: (a) displays frequent unacceptable, aggressive, or immature behavior, (b) requires a teacher's one-to-one attention, (c) is not fully potty-trained (including wiping/cleaning), (d) has a delinquent account, (e) if the school feels it cannot meet the physical, emotional, or psychological needs of the child.

### **ABSENCES**

The school must be notified if your child is to be absent for any reason, indicating how long you expect the child's absence to last. Absences for any reason will not be credited or prorated. Absence for five consecutive school days without notifying the school is considered a withdrawal. In this case, the school reserves the right to enroll a new student in the absent child's place after the fifth day of absence without notice.

### **VACATION REQUEST**

Parents who wish to take a vacation during the regular school year (i.e., first day of the fall session through the end of the spring session) must pay for their child's tuition during their absence to secure their seat for when they return. Families are entitled to one vacation credit per school year (not calendar year). This vacation credit will waive the tuition fee for the first 5 consecutive school days of vacation. If the vacation exceeds five school days, the remaining vacation days (up to 15 school days—anything beyond must be paid at the child's full regular tuition rate) will be prorated at the part-time morning tuition rate. To be eligible for a prorate, parents must notify the office at least one week in advance of the requested vacation. Vacation credits do not rollover to the next school year. Parents who do not want to pay tuition during their vacation can choose to withdraw from the program and must abide by the withdrawal policy. Although the child's seat will not be secured, parents may check for availability when they return and must pay a re-registration fee to re-enroll their child. Parents that withdraw due to vacation will be refunded their deposit, if applicable and will be required to repay the deposit upon return to the school.

**Vacation during the summer session:** Parents who wish to take a vacation during the school's summer session are only required to pay for their child's tuition for the weeks in which their child is enrolled. To be eligible for a prorated, parents must notify the office at least one week in advance of the requested vacation. Absences less than five days will not be eligible for a prorated.

### **ILLNESSES**

Children may attend school with minor cold symptoms (except if a child is coughing excessively). However, if your child is well enough to attend school, he/she is well enough to participate in all class activities, including outside activities. Children suffering from a fever must be fever free—without the assistance of medication—for 24 hours before they are allowed to return to school. This means that if your child is sent home with a fever today, and you decide to bring him/her to school the next day, we will not be able to accept him/her. Children suffering from contagious diseases (eg. pink eye, strep throat, etc.) will not be accepted back to school until it is cleared by the doctor.

### **MEDICATIONS**

Teachers can only administer medication that has been prescribed directly to the child by a doctor. If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please fill out the medication log in your child's classroom and leave the medication with the office. Completing the medication log authorizes your child's teacher to administer medication to your child.

### **RELEASE OF RECORDS**

School records and diplomas will not be released to another school until outstanding balances have been paid off. The school can only release records to requesting schools (with parents' permission) and cannot be given directly to parents.

### **WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

Parents may withdraw their children for any reason. All withdrawals (including withdrawals due to vacation) require an advanced thirty-day written notice given to the school director indicating the last day the child is to attend. Notice must be submitted directly to the school director in person or by email. With proper notice, parents will receive a full refund of their deposit on the child's last day if there are no outstanding fees on their account. If there are outstanding fees, these fees will be deducted from the deposit.

Notice given less than 30 days will result in a thirty-day billing of the child's monthly tuition starting from the date that notice is given, and the deposit refund will be applied to the thirty-day billing. Parents that withdraw due to vacation will be refunded their deposit (if applicable) and will be required to repay the deposit upon return to the school. Parents whose children have registered but not yet started will not receive a registration fee refund even with a written notice 30 days prior to their child's start date.

All changes need to go through the school director. Verbal statements of withdrawal and statements made with any other staff member are considered null and void.

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## PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

- 1) **Practical Life**: buttoning, folding, zipping, sorting, pouring, spooning, cutting, scissors/knife, using tweezers
- 2) **Sensorial**: sorting (by color and shape), size discrimination, five senses
- 3) **Math**:
  - a) **Numbers** – counting to 100, symbols to 20, quantities to 20, writing numbers 0-20, single-digit addition, subtraction (understand concept), time to the hour, identify ordinals, place value
  - b) **Geometry** – shapes, geometric solids, patterns, polygons
- 4) **Language**: know all letters both by name and phonetic sound, forming all letters properly lower case, writing first name properly, blending sounds, forming/reading 3-letter phonetic words, know some sight words, color words, days, months, rhyming words, communication skills
- 5) **Botany**: Life cycle of plant, know fruits and vegetables, parts of tree and flower
- 6) **Zoology**: know living and non-living characteristics, vertebrate, invertebrate, metamorphosis of butterfly and frog
- 7) **Geography**: continents, basic landforms, island, lake, hemispheres

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**PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE**  
**(Spring/Summer/Early Fall)**

**Morning Day Care (7:00 - 9:00)**

7:00 – 9:00 School opens; Morning day care begins (free play indoors – coloring, toys)

**School Hours (9:00 - 3:00)**

9:00 – 9:30 Playground

9:30 – 9:45 Potty, wash-up, and group snack

9:45 – 10:45 Work time; Academic work session: free-choice individual work time and/or small-group work

10:50 – 11:25 Circle Time: Music and movement; Calendar and attendance; story time  
Montessori lessons/Presentation (i.e., language, math, science, geography)

11:25 – 11:30 Potty and wash-up

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch (full-time and extended AM children only)

12:00 Dismissal of AM children (must be picked up no later than 12:00)

12:00 – 12:15 Lunch clean-up, bathroom, preparation for nap, story time, quiet reading  
(Nap time 12:15 – 1:45 for preschool nappers)

12:15 – 12:30 Quiet rest time for full-day non-nappers

12:30 Arrival of PM children

12:30 – 1:05 Mon. – Thu.: Circle Time-Music & movement; Calendar & attendance; story time  
Montessori lessons/Presentation (i.e., language, math, science,

geography)

Friday: Movie day

1:05 – 1:15 Bathroom

1:15 – 1:50 Playground (non-nappers); nap time ends for nappers

1:50 – 2:00 Wash-up and bathroom

2:00 – 3:00 Academic Work Session: free-choice individual work time and/or small-group work  
(snack is available at this time for the children to enjoy at their

discretion)

3:00 Dismissal of children who are not in day care

**After School Day Care (3:00 - 6:00)**

3:15 – 4:00 Playground

4:00 – 4:15 Wash-up and bathroom

4:15 – 4:35 Snack time (parents must provide after-school snack for children)

4:35 – 6:00 Group activity (art, group games, etc.), indoor free play and activities  
(Fridays: Movie day)

6:00 School closes immediately at 6:00



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**PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE**  
**(Late Fall/Winter)**

**Morning Day Care (7:00 - 9:00)**

7:00 – 9:00 School opens; Morning day care begins (free play indoors – coloring, toys)

**School Hours (9:00 - 3:00)**

9:00 – 10:00 Work time; Academic work session: free-choice individual work time and/or small-group work

10:00 – 10:15 Potty, wash-up, and group snack

10:15 – 10:50 Circle Time: Music and movement; Calendar and attendance; story time  
Montessori lessons/Presentation (i.e., language, math, science, geography)

10:50 – 11:00 Potty and wash-up

11:00 – 11:30 Playground and wash-up

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch (full-time and extended AM children only)

12:00 Dismissal of AM children (must be picked up no later than 12:00)

12:00 – 12:15 Lunch clean-up, bathroom, preparation for nap, story time, quiet reading  
(Nap time 12:15 – 1:45 for preschool nappers)

12:15 – 12:30 Quiet rest time for full-day non-nappers

12:30 Arrival of PM children

12:30 – 1:05 Mon. – Thu.: Circle Time-Music & movement; Calendar & attendance; story time  
Montessori lessons/Presentation (i.e., language, math, science, geography)  
Friday: Movie day

1:05 – 1:15 Bathroom

1:15 – 1:50 Playground (non-nappers); nap time ends for nappers

1:50 – 2:00 Wash-up and bathroom

2:00 – 3:00 Academic Work Session: free-choice individual work time and/or small-group work  
(snack is available at this time for the children to enjoy at their discretion)

3:00 Dismissal of children who are not in day care

**After School Day Care (3:00 - 6:00)**

3:15 – 4:00 Playground

4:00 – 4:15 Wash-up and bathroom

4:15 – 4:35 Snack time (parents must provide after-school snack for children)

4:35 – 6:00 Group activity (art, group games, etc.), indoor free play and activities  
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6:00 School closes immediately at 6:00

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## **Kindergarten Daily Schedule**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Morning circle

9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. – Individual work time

10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Montessori job presentation

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Calendar

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Lunch

12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. – Board work

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Recess

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. – Afternoon circle / Montessori job presentation

2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Work time

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Wrap-up

3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Day care

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Recess

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Study hall

5:15 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. – Clean up

5:20 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Free play in preschool

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## **1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE DAILY SCHEDULE**

Academic Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Day Care Hours: Morning 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Evening 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

It is imperative that children are here on time every morning so they do not miss any group lessons or presentations.

### **Academic Schedule:**

9:00 – 9:15	Circle
9:15 – 10:00	Group work (Reading, Math, Language)
10:00 – 11:30	Individual work
11:30 – 12:00	Recess
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:15	Spelling/Sentence Writing/Reading
1:15 – 2:00	Circle (Geography, Botany, Zoology) Friday topics include Art, P.E., singing
2:00 – 3:00	Individual work
3:00	Clean-up/Dismissal of children who are not in daycare

*Please do not enter the classroom to pick up your child before 3:30*

### **Day Care Schedule:**

3:30 – 4:00	Recess/Snack
4:00 – 5:15	Study Hall
5:15 – 6:00	Indoor free play and activities (Fridays: movie day) School closes immediately at 6:00

# EDUCATIONAL COMPARISONS

*What is the difference between the Montessori method and the conventional method?*

## MONTESSORI

Children are multi-age grouped

Children are self-paced through the curriculum, individually or in small groups

Children are taught in direct contact with the environment—natural, sensory and cultural experiences

Long blocks of time permit extended concentration

Few interruptions

Formal cognitive skills developed before age 6

Multisensorial, phonetic reading and writing opportunities

Children learn from self, peers, self-correcting materials; teacher's role is that of a guide

## CONVENTIONAL

Children are age-grouped

Class, as a group, studies one subject at a time

Children taught by indirect, abstract methods

Short blocks of time limit the child's concentration

Frequent interruptions: bells, adult interventions

Postponement of formal cognitive development until first grade

Basal readers and whole language

Teacher corrects children's errors

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1) Why Doesn't My Child Bring Many Papers Home From School?

*"My child doesn't bring home much paper work and I don't know what he is doing all day. He doesn't share much with us about his day either. He either tells us he did nothing or he can't remember. How do I know if he is really doing anything?"* Many parents can identify with this question.

The Montessori method is process oriented, not product oriented. This means that your child concentrates on having experiences rather than making a finished product to bring home. It is impossible for them to remember all the things they did and, for some children, their language skills are not developed enough to remember the names of all the activities.

As a child gets older, usually in the second half of his second year in a 3-6 classroom, he begins to learn to read and write. As this happens, you will see more papers. Some older children will work on a project for a long time before bringing it home. So a week's worth of work may yield just one paper product.

Resist the urge to ask your child about paperwork each week. Children may hear this as, "Mommy will be happy with me if I do paperwork so I'd better do paperwork." In a Montessori classroom, children learn at their own pace and are not pressured to "catch up" with other students. Children work in an atmosphere that is non-competitive. Pressuring children only interferes with their natural love of learning. Rest assured that the classroom is rich with opportunities to learn to use a pencil. Every child will eventually do just that. Our job, as adults in your child's life, is to wait patiently for the time when that is exciting learning for him. Most teachers are happy to answer specific questions or schedule a meeting if you feel the need. But please don't ask for or expect a mini-conference during drop-off or pick-up time.

Trust our school to create an atmosphere in which growth can happen, and trust in your child's teachers to guide the process.

### 2) Can I get a daily report for my child from Montessori School?

Unlike traditional preschool programs, Montessori programs do not issue daily or weekly reports about a child's activities. Instead of a checklist or fill-in-the-blank form, we provide comprehensive parent-teacher conferences about the child's development twice each school year.

Traditional preschools conduct programs for the entire group and the child's activities are focused in a small number of areas (e.g., sand table, art activities, dress-up corner). Montessori programs have hundreds of activities for children to choose on a daily basis. The entire program is individualized to each child's learning pace and skill set. Because of the individualized nature, it is impossible to issue a daily or weekly report without sacrificing instruction time in the classroom, and this is not an area we are willing to compromise on.