



MONTESSORI
CHILDREN'S HOUSE

As we begin a New Year let us review some basic tenets of the Montessori philosophy that every Montessori parent should know.

MULTI-AGE GROUPINGS – Developmental stages are seen as three-year planes of development, Primary 3-6 years, lower elementary 6-10 years. Children remain in the same level for three years before moving on to the next level.

TEACHER AS FACILITATOR – A teacher's interaction with the child, both verbal and non-verbal, is meant to be limited. The goal is to focus the child's attention on the work so that the child can discover on his or her own.

PREPARED ENVIRONMENT – Shelving, chairs, tables sinks, and learning materials are carefully designed and strategically arranged to accommodate the child. Teachers spend countless hours preparing the environment daily so that the child can work unencumbered and as independently as possible.

FREEDOM TO MAKE CHOICES – Within the structure of the environment, it is essential for the child to have the freedom to make choices on his or her own.

SELF-CORRECTING MATERIALS – Montessori sensory-rich classrooms have materials that are designed to have the child succeed on their own and with a limited amount of adult interaction.

OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENTS – The teacher constantly observes the child in his and her environment, taking notes and recording progress to know when the child is ready for the next lesson. These observations and notes help the teacher assess the child's progress, adjust future work of the child, and help parents understand first-hand how the child is progressing.

GRACE AND COURTESY – From the early years of working with street children, Dr. Montessori devoted her energies to helping children understand how to work with one another and the adults around them. This approach evolved into peace education that carried her name and principles through both World Wars and into today.



Halloween Costume Party

Monday, October 31
8:30am to 10:30am

Please bring children dressed in their costume with clothes underneath or bring a change of clothes. Candy must be individually wrapped.





SEPTEMBER '11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Happy B-Day Calvin	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy B-Day Sarah
18	19	20 Happy B-Day Zuri	21	22 Back to School Night 7-8 pm	23 Staff Workday	24
25 Happy B-Day Logan	26	27 Elementary Field Trip Heard Museum 10-12 pm	28	29	30 Elementary Library Day	



OCTOBER '11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Parent Teacher No Classes	7 Conferences Staff Workday	8
9 Happy B-Day Mary	10 Happy B-Day Andrew N. Columbus Day No School	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy B-Day Robert	28	29
30	Halloween Costume Party 31					