



ANCILLAE  
ASSUMPTA  
ACADEMY

# MONTESORI EARLY CHILDHOOD

Our Montessori Early Childhood program is designed to meet the individual pace and development of each child with experiences that recognize the importance of multi-sensory, hands-on learning in a well-prepared environment. Self-confidence grows with each new discovery, providing a foundation for the primary grades where they are prepared to meet the rigors of our elementary curriculum.

STEPPING STONES INTO MONTESSORI, PRESCHOOL MONTESSORI, AND KINDERGARTEN MONTESSORI TOGETHER OFFER A CURRICULUM THAT FOSTERS THE DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES OF THE CHILD FROM 2½ THROUGH 6 YEARS OF AGE. Children attending our preschool for two or three years before moving onto our Kindergarten program have an option to begin in our Stepping Stones program before their Pre-K year or to begin right away in our Preschool. Our Stepping Stones into Montessori

program offers a three-day or five-day program with full or half day options. Our Montessori Preschool is a five-day program with half or full day options. The Preschool level is mixed ages, including the Pre-K year. The Stepping Stones into Montessori program is designed especially as a child's first preschool experience which fosters being part of a school community. Students should be potty-trained before entering our programs.





## Understanding Montessori Education

Montessori methods educate the whole child in character (moral education), problem-solving skills (scientific education), and creative independence (artistic education). When children's natural desire to learn is supported, it develops the foundation for life-long learning.

Ancillae-Assumpta Academy's preschool and kindergarten levels provide the Montessori materials and system that allow a child to develop concentration, independence, confidence, and freedom to move on this journey at the pace that allows the child to reach his/her fullest potential. In Montessori classrooms around the world, the same materials are utilized for the specific reasons of design and sequencing of skill development. These become the building blocks of the pathway to learning.



**The Practical Life Area** assists in refining the movements of the child through practical tasks that progress in refinement and complexity to increase concentration and a growing sense of order

**The Sensorial Area** assists in refining our senses through isolation of individual senses. Children will discriminate by size, color, shape, sound, smell, and touch. The children will recognize similarities and differences through matching and grading. They build patterns and designs through variations and extensions.

**The Language Area** develops the many readiness skills to assist in a child's growing comprehension in both visual and auditory instruction. Work choices provide phonetic and whole language approaches to reading readiness and children are guided at the pace in which they are prepared to be successful to start their reading journey.

**The Math Area** utilizes concrete Montessori materials for quantity and association with the numeric symbols to develop the child's mathematical mind. Children apply their knowledge of logic, sequence, and order through daily interactions within their environment.

**The Culture Area** develops the sense of our place in the world - to care for it and for each other. Children explore geography, cultures, wildlife, natural treasures, countries, people, and celebrations.

**The Science Area** introduces several disciplines of science: botany, zoology, physics, and health through discovery and wonder.

## Enrichment Activities

- music
- Spanish
- gym
- art
- technology
- library
- yoga
- religion
- sign language
- social skills
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Foundations



## A SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL

At Ancillae, your young child will start in the Sacred Heart Center, home to our Montessori students, and then receive a continuous education through eighth grade given with love and for love. By joining Ancillae, your family becomes a part of a larger community with 575 students and 120 faculty and staff members. This vibrant institution offers resources, experiences, and opportunities that will enrich your child's education. From family events to service projects and after school classes, the value of an Ancillae education extends far beyond the classroom and will prepare your child with the tools, skills, and resilience needed to be successful at the high school level.



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