

Honors the unique nature of each child in a multi-aged setting that supports peer collaboration.

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Cultivates an innate love of learning and fosters independence.

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Guides children to choose meaningful work in an environment prepared for self-directed learning.

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Teachers believe in the Montessori Method and are committed to professional growth around this

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Dedicated to positive relationships among students, their families, and the greater community.

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Seeks to develop global citizens by integrating 21st century learning tools and experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

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Strives for consistency and alignment through ongoing collaboration with all stakeholders.

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PRINCIPLES

# Mission

We are committed to creating a collaborative environment built on the principles of peace, trust, and respect that fosters joyful discovery based on individual student needs and interests. Our program utilizes hands-on Montessori materials to motivate student learning and understanding of concepts defined by state standards and driven by the Montessori Method.



Fostering Joyful Discovery

*The Montessori  
Magnet at Pontiac*



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# The Montessori Method

The Montessori Method is both a philosophy of child development and a method of education. It was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori and honors the growth of the whole child.

At Pontiac, our Montessori students master state standards through the fidelity of the Montessori Method. Students work in multi-aged classes, where concepts are developed through the use of hands-on, Montessori materials. The Montessori materials allow students to construct meaning and create a deeper understanding of a concept rather than focusing on memorizing abstract information.



## Program at a Glance

-  Three multi- aged levels:  
Primary 3PK-5K  
Lower Elementary 1st –3rd Grades  
Upper Elementary 4th-5th Grades
-  Follows the Montessori Method while covering all state standards
-  3PK tuition based

# Characteristics of a Montessori Student

-  *Demonstrates Self-discipline*
-  *Exhibits a Natural Curiosity*
-  *Innate Problem Solver*
-  *Independent Learner*
-  *Self-directed*
-  *Enthusiastic About Learning*
-  *Respectful of Others*



# Key Montessori Principles

- Children joyfully learn when they direct their own learning experience.
- Educators guide children to realize their full potential.
- The learning environment combines freedom and structure, and honors each child's rate of development.
- Social interactions are based on respect, courtesy, and kindness.
- The curriculum is hands-on developing concepts through the use of Montessori materials.



*"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."*

*~Maria Montessori~*