



Montessori Magnet Program



❖ **What is the theme of this magnet program?**

This program follows the Montessori Method introduced by Dr. Maria Montessori in 1907 as a “child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood.” (American Montessori Society, 2016).

❖ **What makes this magnet unique?**

The Montessori Magnet operates as a program within a school that ties in seamlessly with H. E. Corley’s Leadership Magnet and Responsive Classroom approaches to teaching and learning. Montessori classrooms are a place of inquiry and student-led discovery. The classroom is designed to be an inviting space with open shelving where learning materials are easily accessible and work spaces foster independent and group activities.

Working within parameters set by teachers, students are active participants in deciding what their focus of learning will be for each day. Students work at their own pace and advance through prescribed curriculum as they are ready, with guidance from their teacher. Student participants in the Montessori program have daily exposure to authentic learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom. The very nature of the Montessori environment lays this foundation with multi-age (and skill) groupings that reflect the real world and are the basis for cooperative learning practices that are positively linked to achievement, interpersonal skills, social supports and self-esteem.

❖ **Programs & student engagement opportunities**

- Dance & Cheer Club
- Healthy Snacks Club
- Yoga Club
- Around the World
- Home Decor Club
- Tech Club
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Kindness Club
- Math Club
- Basketball Club
- Leadership Day
- Learning at the Hands of Our Children Day
- Student Led Conferences

❖ **How can I learn more**

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