

Our Mission

To prepare youth for life-long learning through the Montessori and International Baccalaureate philosophies; fostering individual responsibility, mutual respect, self-discipline, and a passion for excellence in order to become inquiring, compassionate, internationally minded global citizens who take action to create a better world.

Montessori Education

The Montessori Method of teaching is a student-centered approach which recognizes that young people are different than adults and from each other, and should be respected as such.

Montessori Education is the process of observing and supporting the natural development of children. In these practices, children develop creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and time management skills, to contribute to society and the environment. The basis of Montessori practice is uninterrupted concentration rather than teacher-centered group lessons.

The uses of special Montessori materials is a key feature of our curriculum and education. Through manipulation of such materials students learn not only the fundamentals of mathematics, language arts, social studies and science, but also how to combine facts and arrange data in new and exciting ways.



**Harry Stone
Montessori Academy,**
an International Baccalaureate
World School

**Guiding Grades
Pre-Kinder - 5th**



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The Subjects

The Montessori program meets all State and District academic standards by enhancing learning by fostering creativity for both students and teachers. In addition to regular coursework, subject areas include geometry, preparation for algebra, botany, zoology, computer, astronomy, ecology, second language, and the arts. Rich and exciting field experiences bring added value to students' knowledge and supplement class activities. The Montessori approach also encourages spontaneity of expression in music, dramatics, speech, visual art, physical education, and more.

Pre-Kinder through 5th grade students receive instruction in self-contained, mixed-age classes. Teachers create a stimulating and challenging learning environment through the use of carefully designed materials that allow students to develop and move smoothly from concrete to abstract concepts.



Learning is child-centered and requires a child to be self-disciplined and self-motivated. Teachers act as guides presenting individual, small group lessons which allow students to explore skills and ideas in greater depth.

Students stay with the same guide for multiple years. This enables the teacher to know the students well, and it provides continuity for the child. It also allows for the development of responsibility and leadership in the older students, while enhancing the motivation and learning of the younger children.



"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."

~Dr. Maria Montessori

What Montessori Means

Montessori education is an approach developed by Italian physician and educator Dr. Maria Montessori.

Montessori education is practiced in an estimated 20,000 schools worldwide.

Montessori is one of the fastest growing forms of education for young children in the world.

Specially designed materials accelerate education while the system teaches self-discipline and encourages good habits.



Montessori Education is Characterized By

- **Emphasis on independence**
- **Freedom within limits**
- **Mixed age classmates**
- **Respect for the child's psychological development**
- **Student choice in activities**
- **Student work is more individualized than in a traditional classroom**

Benefits of Harry Stone Montessori Academy

- **Self-contained, mixed-age classrooms, where focus is on one-to-one and small group instruction**
- **Fine Arts program offering visual arts, piano, choral music, string orchestra, and theater**
- **Implementation of technology via computer lab, tablets, and instruction in technology**
- **Student independence and creativity are highly encouraged**
- **Classrooms equipped with Montessori materials**

