

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an innovative learning environment to the Eau Claire community that promotes the social, intellectual and emotional development of each child, based on the foundations and methods of Maria Montessori.

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To inspire and nurture the human spirit - one child at a time.

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CHIPPEWA VALLEY
MONTESSORI
CHARTER SCHOOL

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Established in 2001, CVMCS is a public elementary school and part of the Eau Claire Area School District.

It is overseen by a governance board and school board. The school follows the same district calendar, lunch and recess program, and standardized testing process as other schools. In addition to the WI DPI certification, teachers are trained in Montessori philosophy.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

CVMCS is a public school and is open to all students. (We adhere to district policy regarding out-of-district enrollment.) There is no tuition, no test required, and no fee to apply. Applications are accepted starting September 1st in the year prior to the year you would like your child to attend. Apply by the end of January to be entered into the random admission lottery.

CONTACT US

Contact us with your questions or to set up a tour.

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The Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School is a public elementary school, chartered by the Eau Claire Area School district serving children in 4K- 5th grade.



OUR MONTESSORI METHOD



PRESENTATIONS

Students are given individual or small group presentations on a task, project or lesson, called a “work.” Multi-sensory materials are often used to present abstract concepts in a concrete way.



CHILD-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES

Children have freedom, within-limits, to choose their own work. There is an emphasis on movement, choice, and repetition. Children work at their own pace, alone or in groups, during long blocks of work time.



MULTI-AGED CLASSROOMS

Classrooms contain more than one grade level which helps develop social skills and encourages mentoring. This arrangement allows students to stay with the same teacher and peers for 2-3 years which develops a sense of community.



PRACTICAL LIFE

Students are given practical life tasks to be done with grace and courtesy. From watering plants and polishing mirrors in Children’s House to weekly jobs in E1 and E2, students are directly taught how to conduct themselves in the real world.

MARIA MONTESSORI (1870 – 1952) was an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational method that builds on the way children naturally learn. Dr. Montessori devoted her life to educational research. She based her method of education on observation of preschool and elementary school children.



CHILDREN’S HOUSE

4K AND 5K

Each child advances at his or her own pace through the curriculum with an individualized learning plan; there are no grades or comparison to other children.

Teachers guide students in a peaceful and engaging atmosphere, carefully observing each child’s progress and introducing new lessons as appropriate.

The 4k program is part of the Eau Claire School District and runs half day Monday-Friday. At this time, there is no bussing for 4K pickup.



ELEMENTARY I

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE

In this level, there is a greater emphasis on student ownership of work. Students plan their own work schedule and determine the order in which they will do the work.



ELEMENTARY 2

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

To help prepare students for the challenges of middle school, children are encouraged to be self-motivated and manage their workload and deadlines.