



Montessori Preschool Program

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Winchester/Clark County

A Vibrant Learning Community Anchored In Christ, Since 1919

Montessori Philosophy

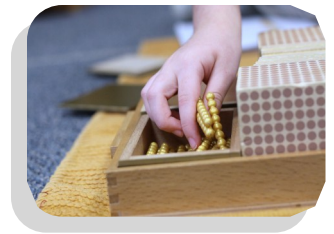
The fundamental philosophy of Maria Montessori is to offer a prepared environment, based on manipulative materials, that enable children to develop their body and mind through movement; to create themselves and their personalities through the process of work and the child's spontaneous desire to make choices based on the individual needs of the child. The activities help develop order, concentration, coordination and the independence necessary for the more advanced, academic exercises given at age five and six.

The Montessori classroom is multi-age, encouraging cooperation, collaboration and a helpful attitude. Lessons promote independence, neat and orderly work, and care of the learning environment. An early emphasis on letter sounds with a strong phonics background produce early readers in the Montessori program. Our students explore all subject areas including mathematics, geography, sensorial, practical life, art, botany, and biology.

St. Agatha Academy students at all grade levels are immersed in a program with high standards for behavior, anchored within the Catholic faith. Daily prayers and reflection begin in the preschool years.

Preschool Policies

- All Students must be completely potty trained
- Although preschool students are not required to wear uniforms, they must adhere to the dress code of elementary students.
- All preschool students must be walked to and from the Montessori classroom by an adult. Parents must sign the student out/in the main office if picking up prior to dismissal time.
- A release form must be completed by the parent prior to the first day of class. Adults listed on the release form must show photo identification before the student will be released.
- Students are expected to arrive on time for prayer and pledge at 7:45 am. Preschool students will adhere to attendance and tardy policies for the school.



Montessori Dress Code

Solid navy blue bottoms; shorts, pants, skort, or navy blue or plaid jumper.

White or light blue shirt; polo, turtle neck, or button down.

Navy sweater or sweatshirt

White or dark tennis shoes, with white or dark socks

Belts are optional, child should be able to fasten/unfasten by themselves.

Kindergarten student must have SAA logo embroidered on shirts.

Refer to parent Handbook for more information

Montessori Schedule

- Half-day option students (M3 or M4) attend Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 10:45 AM.
- All-day students (M3, M4, or Kindergarten) attend Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 2:45 PM.
- One week prior to the official start of school, all new Montessori students begin a phase-in period with a unique schedule.
- After-care for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds available from 3-6pm, M-F



10:1
Student to Teacher ratio

Montessori Teachers: Rose Watt, Rachelle Marcum, and Mary Ann Benson

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