

Midway Hills Primary Montessori Questions and Answers

1. What is Montessori?

The Montessori approach to learning is “hands-on.” All learning activities support children in choosing meaningful and challenging work at their own interest and ability level. This child-directed engagement strengthens motivation, supports attention, and encourages responsibility both in school and at home!

2. What does Montessori learning look like?

Montessori learning takes place in uninterrupted blocks of work time (2+ hours in length) allowing children to work at their own pace and fully immerse themselves in activities without interruption. The child's work cycle involves selecting an activity, performing it for as long as it remains interesting, cleaning up the activity and returning it to the shelf, and making another work choice.

3. What does a Montessori classroom look like?

A Montessori classroom feels more like a home than a school. You won't see desks, or find a teacher standing at the front of the room delivering a lesson to the whole class. Instead, you will see children happily working individually or in small groups at tables or on the floor near small mats that define their own space. Montessori classrooms are made up of child-sized furniture and materials allowing students to help maintain the organization and cleanliness of the environment to keep it orderly and attractive, and to help your child understand how to care for materials and clean up after themselves.

4. What will my child learn?

The Montessori classroom offers your child 5 areas of study: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, Science/Cultural Studies. Through these areas they will learn skills such as (but not limited to) daily-life skills, perception of the world through their different senses, hands-on exploration of place value and building numbers into the thousands, the ability to write and read, and an abundance of integrated lessons in the cultural area of curriculum.

5. Is Montessori right for my child?

The Montessori environment is “right” for a wide range of personalities and learning styles. Teachers, parents, and students will need to form an alliance of mutual cooperation and respect to be sure the high standards and achievement is fully supported.

Students who are self-directed, independent, and goal-motivated will succeed best in a Montessori learning environment!

6. Is it free?

Absolutely! This class, just like any other public school class, is free of charge to you!

7. How can I sign my child up?

Be sure when you register, you request Montessori and we will handle the rest!

We're excited you're interested in your child being a part of this awesome opportunity!