



Inspire. Create. Believe.

**MONTESSORI PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN and GRADES 1 to 5
Mother Teresa
We warmly welcome all families!**

The Montessori Method

Trained as Italy's first female physician, Dr. Maria Montessori is best known for her creation of the Montessori Method of education. This method was a revolutionary approach to the way children were educated. Dr. Montessori created a system that addresses the development of the whole child. Through her studies, Dr. Montessori recognized a natural curiosity and a desire to learn in children. She focused on awakening that curiosity and desire to learn by creating motivating learning experiences.

Dr. Montessori's belief was that students learn best in an environment that supports and respects each child's unique development and at his/her natural rate of progress. Learning should be joyful and at the right moment for each child. Each child is given the chance to fulfill his/her potential possibilities to become an independent and balanced individual.



Dr. Montessori developed what she called the "prepared environment", which possesses a certain order and allows children to learn at their own speed, according to their own capabilities, and in a non-competitive atmosphere. It is organized, open and aesthetically pleasing. It is geared to the child's size, needs, and interests. Under careful guidance by the teacher, the Montessori environment prompts children to take initiative in their own education by making choices, developing self-respect, and learning accountability to others.

Dr. Montessori recognized that the greatest value to learning was the self-motivation of the child. Children move themselves toward learning. The teacher prepares the environment, and then acts as a dynamic link between it and the child. Through support and encouragement, it is the child who learns and is motivated through the work itself to persist in a given task. Montessori introduces children to the joy of learning at an early age and provides a framework in which intellectual and social discipline go hand-in-hand. Each child is embraced as an individual and is provided with learning opportunities to meet his/her changing needs.

Montessori Pre-Kindergarten is a Part-Time fee-based program.

Montessori Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 5 families do not pay any additional fees beyond basic school fees.



A Choice for Everyone!

Additional features of our Montessori program:

1. Children choose what they will work with under the Educator's guidance
2. Children experience Music class, Library and Daily Physical Activity
3. Exploration and discovery are essential
4. Approaches to individualized learning
5. Learning best occurs through a hands-on approach
6. Activities and materials encourages self-discipline
7. Socialization is key creating a classroom
8. Community
9. Children learn independently through carefully selected educational materials. At times, children also work with others to build community.
10. Children are the center of the environment and classroom.
11. Activities with control of errors encourage children to self-correct.
12. Carefully prepared indoor space.
13. Environments support inquiry-based learning.
14. Activities may include Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, Botany, Culture, Language Arts, Science and Art.
15. Complete Alberta Curriculum covering all grades

We are proud to offer this alternative program based out of Mother Teresa School. Working with your child we develop independence and encourage self-directed learning with our young students.

Our Montessori program features:

- ✓ A Montessori approach integrated with the Alberta Education curriculum.
- ✓ Children working together.
- ✓ Sensory rich environment with hands on learning.
- ✓ Long blocks of uninterrupted, student directed work time.
- ✓ Individualized curriculum.
- ✓ Teachers and instructors certified by Montessori & Alberta Education.
- ✓ Carefully prepared environment with a diverse set of materials.

“So the whole life of the child is an advance toward perfection, toward a greater completeness.”
- Maria Montessori

Montessori Pre-Kindergarten

- ✓ Available to children in the month that they turn three years of age. *Program consists of 3-5 year olds.*
- ✓ All children must be completely toilet trained. (No pull ups please)
- ✓ Sections consist of two half days per week.
- ✓ When Monday / Wednesday sections miss Monday the class is made up on the Friday.
- ✓ Both AM (8:45-11:35) and PM (12:15-3:05) sections are available.
- ✓ All registration and monthly fees are made payable to GP Catholic Schools.
- ✓ Registration fee is \$55.
- ✓ \$200 per section, or \$325 for both. Maximum of two sections per child. No full day programs available.
- ✓ Bussing is not available for Montessori Preschool students. We want families to stop by our school!

Payment, Late Registration and Program Withdrawal

Registration or Withdrawal before the first class of the month will result in a pro-rated registration fee or withdrawal refund. There is a \$25 withdrawal fee.



Payment is due on the 1st of the month. Postdated cheques must be made out to GP Catholic Schools for the full year by September 15th, unless other arrangements have been made with the District Finance Officer at (780) 532-3013.

Program withdrawals must be submitted in writing to the teacher. Students will not be considered as withdrawn until this letter is submitted and parents are responsible for the monthly fee until such time.

Any student whose fees are more than two months in arrears will be automatically withdrawn at the beginning of the 3rd month. Child will only be reconsidered once fees are paid in full and your child will then be placed on the waiting list.