

Northlake Montessori Kindergarten Program

Northlake Montessori Kindergarten program is a full day program, packed with fun and learning. Our primary goals for the Kindergarten year are positive social behavior, successful academic experiences and for all children to gain awareness of themselves as unique individuals with special qualities and abilities. Your child will be provided with teachers who understand the uniqueness of each child and that are trained to work with and challenge this age group. The teachers have the advantage of working with a lower student/teacher ratio which ensures your child will get the attention they need. Your child will be provided with unlimited experiences to learn through concrete and practical lessons. This program will be a nice mix between Montessori materials and traditional learning so that your child's transition to public school will be easy and somewhat familiar.

Parent-Staff Communication

We strive on parent-staff communication and encourage parents to interact with staff on a daily basis. You will not have to wait until conference time to hear about how your child is progressing or to discuss any issue with your child's teacher.

We Know Your Child

Your child has been in our academic program the previous year(s). We already know where your child stands socially, emotionally and academically. We know your child's favorite things, their struggles, their fears and how they are most comfortable to learn. Your child will jump in and begin learning right away; there will be no awkward period to warm up to a new environment and new people.

Transportation and Transitions

Your child will enjoy being in the same classroom for a full day. You won't have to worry about your child being transported back and forth to school. Your child will not have to struggle with a transition between two different academic environments with different rules and learning styles.

Social Relationships

Your child has already formed many friendships that are growing everyday. He/She will feel comfortable with teachers and friends they already know, making learning more enjoyable and exciting.

More Hands-On Curriculum

Our Montessori curriculum is designed to let your child learn through hands-on experiences including: Science projects, math manipulatives, phonetic language, cultural exploration and exciting fieldtrips.

Concepts and Skills-Kindergarten

Language Arts

Your Child Will.....

- * communicate through pictures
- * Use sounds to begin to spell
- * Dictate stories or simple sentences
- * Recognize some words
- * Form most letters correctly
- * Write own first name and favorite words

Reading

Your Child Will.....

- * Join in on familiar stories, songs & poems
- * Respond to stories through art, movement and drama
- * Recognize names and words in context; read own name, read labels and read captions around the classroom
- * Put three events in sequence using pictures, use of illustrations to tell stories and begin to make meaningful predictions
- * Identify upper and lower case letters, their sounds and names
- * Use phonics to predict and confirm words

Mathematics

Your Child Will.....

- * Match numerals with objects to 30; count to 31; write numerals in order to 10
- * Understand the concepts of addition, more/less/equal to
- * Explore, copy, describe and extend patterns
- * Begin to measure using length, time and weight
- * Collect data and use simple charts and graphs
- * Recognize/construct geometric shapes, and understand positions (under, behind, in front of, and below)
- * Use objects to solve problems and verbally express mathematical ideas

Science

Your Child Will.....

- * Develop curiosity about living things in his/her world
- * Understand different properties about trees and plants
- * Recognize the matter and density of items that sink or float
- * Learn about different types of animals and their habits

Geography/Cultural/Social Studies

Your Child Will.....

- * Understand basic needs (food, clothing, shelter and love)
- * Recognize that all people grow, change, have feelings and make choices
- * Learn about maps & charts to collect information
- * Understand holidays and traditions from various cultures

Music/Visual Arts

- * Actively participate in singing, moving, playing and listening
- * Learn the elements of music; rhythm, melody, harmony and form
- * Work with essential elements; color, line and shape
- * Develop an appreciation for art in different forms and from various cultures