

Lakeshore Montessori 3-K

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Thank you for your interest in Lakeshore Montessori!

We have enclosed a brochure, admissions policies, fee schedule and application, as well as information about our classroom below. We welcome you to schedule an appointment to visit our classroom. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!

What Makes our Montessori Classroom Unique?

The goal of Lakeshore Montessori School is to foster independence and to support children in moving toward mastery of themselves and the environment. Preschool children possess a wonderful ability to absorb the world that surrounds them. Maria Montessori believed that the years from three to six are the most critical years for nurturing a child's natural curiosity and laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

The multi-age classroom allows children to learn from one another either individually or in small groups. The classroom has a maximum of 20 students with an AMI Certified Montessori Teacher and a Teaching Assistant. The teacher follows each student, presenting carefully designed lessons and materials on a one-on-one basis. The following areas of exploration are included in our classroom:

Practical Life:

Children prepare food, fasten clothes and care for their environment. These activities help children with concentration and coordinated movement.

Sensorial Activities:

Children experience the world through their senses - color, shape, taste, sound and feel.

Language Activities:

Children become familiar with sounds and symbols and begin the process of writing and reading. Spanish and Chinese are also available for children during this absorbent learning period.

Mathematics:

Manipulation of concrete materials - such as number rods, beads and blocks - prepare children for abstract reasoning. Materials help children gain confidence with using numbers in everyday life.

Cultural Areas:

Living plants and animals are hands-on activities in the classroom. Geography and cross-cultural traditions help expand a child's view of the world. We celebrate holidays from around the world with costumes, food, and ceremonies. Art and science are part of the classroom materials, and children participate in Kinder-music weekly.

Social Activities:

Children experience the balance between freedom of the individual and concerns of the group. Children learn respect for each other, care of the environment, and responsibility for one's own behavior.

Food: Eating lunch as a group is another opportunity for children to master appropriate group social skills. Children bring their own lunch to school. Healthy snacks are available in the morning and are provided weekly by a rotation of school parents.

Conferences: *Conferences to discuss each child's development are held twice a year. Teachers communicate frequently with parents through face-to-face, notes and phone, which is a benefit of the smaller school!*