



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE
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Camp Verde, Arizona 86322
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What is the Montessori program?

The Montessori classroom is commonly referred to as a “prepared environment”. This choice of words reflects the care and attention given to creating a learning environment that reinforces children’s independence and intellectual development. Montessori schools are places where children work and learn with dignity and spontaneous enthusiasm. The class groups are always multi-aged, normally covering a three or four year span. Each class is essentially a stable community, with only the oldest third moving on to the next level each year. At each level within a Montessori school, the curriculum and the methods are logical and consistent extensions of what has come before. The curriculum consists of the following four areas:

Practical Life: The exercises of Practical Life are activities a child encounters in daily living. While practicing pouring, tying, jumping, stringing, or greeting, the child not only masters these skills, but, more importantly, gains confidence with each activity, thus building self-esteem.

Sensorial: Each Sensorial material isolates one quality, such as size, volume, width, length, touch, temperature, weight, color, shape, or sound. Repetition is encouraged to allow the child to achieve mastery. Teachers present extensions, combinations, and challenges once an initial quality is grasped.

Language: Children are immersed in language throughout their day in a Montessori classroom participating in conversations, songs, poems, stories, and discussions.

Mathematics: Basic mathematical foundations of order, sequence, patterns, relationships, quantity, and dimension are developed in the Practical Life and Sensorial areas. Now the child is ready to go on to add numerical value to the concepts already absorbed.

Who will it serve?

This is a caring, nurturing program that accommodates individual needs and differences as the development of the child as a person in society is addressed. It is an early education program specifically for Verde Valley children aged three to six. The Verde Valley is growing rapidly, presenting an ever increasing need for quality preschools serving the children of this age group.

When and where?

The Montessori school is located adjacent to the Heritage Park on Smith Avenue in Middle Verde. (Take Middle Verde Road to Reservation Loop Rd. Turn left on Shaw Ave., right on Clem Street to Smith Ave.) The Camp Verde Public School calendar is used to determine the opening and closing dates as well as holidays. The school size is limited to 50 with 3 directresses and 4 assistants making the student/adult ratio 7 to 1.

Who teaches the children and manages the Montessori school?

Merika Bach graduated from Endicott College in the Boston area with degrees in English and Psychology. She decided to travel to Arizona to continue her education. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from Arizona State University in 1990. Merika decided to pursue a teaching career and received her Teaching Certificate from Northern Arizona University and began teaching right away at Cedar Montessori in Flagstaff. Merika Bach has been teaching at The Montessori Children’s House since 2000. She is dedicated to the Montessori philosophy and highly values the sense of independence the children gain from the program. As a Montessori educator, Merika prepares the children to take on the future with confidence and zeal.

Maria Rosario Noguez-McClain accepted the Lead Teacher position with the Yavapai-Apache Nation in 2015. She graduated with her Primary Montessori Certificate in 2005 from the American Montessori Society (AMS). Ms. Rosie

has worked with children since 2003 and enjoys teaching children new lessons and exciting science projects. She brings a wealth of experience to the school's Kindergarten program and Montessori Method.

Felisa McGavock holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and received her Montessori Primary certificate from the North American Montessori Center (NAMC). She has been teaching in a Montessori classroom since 2006 and joined our staff in 2014. Originally from the Philippines, she brings much enthusiasm and knowledge of Asia to share with the children as well as a passion for the Montessori Method.

Lisa Cook holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Development and Education with a study a study in Early Childhood Special Education from Northern Arizona University and her Montessori Certification from American Montessori Society (AMS). Prior to becoming a teacher at the Montessori Children's House in 2015, Lisa worked for the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP). She enjoys the Montessori environment and looks forward to working with children for many more years.

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****Please print****

Child's Name (and nickname) _____

Age as of Sept. 1 _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex _____

Address _____

Street (and box number if applicable) City Zip

Check one:

() Morning Session 8:30-12:00 () All day (8:30-2:30)

Child lives with

Name	Relation	Home Phone	Bus. Phone
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Person(s) responsible for child's tuition:

Name	SSN	Drivers Lic. #	Employer
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List all brothers & sisters

Name	Age
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Briefly discuss any problems or adverse circumstances that may affect your child's school experience. _____

Persons authorized to pick up child: _____

Persons not authorized to pick up child:

I understand that each child is accepted and retained under the conditions that: (1) he/she satisfactorily adjusts to the program; (2) the parents are satisfied with the program; and (3) the staff believes the program is appropriate for the child.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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Registration

Registration for the next Academic Year begins April 1, of the current year. Registration is on a first come, first served basis according to age. There is a \$50.00 registration fee which is NON-REFUNDABLE.

Tuition

The tuition is based on the assumption that the child is enrolled for the full academic year (August through May). Tuition may be paid in full by the 1st of September or in 10 equal monthly payments. Even though the days of monthly attendance may vary (due to the number of days in the month, holidays, or absences of any kind), a full monthly payment is required on the first school day of each month. If a child is withdrawn, a refund for the remainder of the month will not be given unless withdrawal is arranged in the month prior. Tuition is \$200.00 for the morning session. The all day tuition is \$360.00 and the student must bring a sack lunch. Annual tuition rates are \$2000.00 for the morning session, \$3600.00 for the all-day tuition.

Payments must be paid no later than the 10th school day of the month. Late payments must be arranged. A late charge of \$10.00 will be added if the monthly payment is made after the 10th school day of each month. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for any returned check.

School Calendar and Schedule

The annual school calendar runs from early August through late May. Any time the public school closes for adverse weather; this school will be closed also.

School hours are 8:15-2:30 for full day students, Mon-Thurs.

Friday is a half day with dismissal at 11:45am.

The morning session dismisses at 11:45am daily.

Paperwork Needed for Registration

1. Blue Emergency Information card
2. Registration form
3. Session preference checked
4. Proof of immunizations
5. Tribal Id number for registered members