

Benefits of a Montessori Education

- Your child learns at his own rate
- Your child learns to focus and concentrate
- Montessori accommodates all learning styles
- Your child will master the important life skill of being a self directed learner
- Your child will achieve independence
- A Montessori classroom is a place where your child will learn order, providing a sense of security and comfort
- Your child will be treated with respect and dignity
- A multi-disciplinary approach is taken in regard to your child's interests
- Montessori education will give your child a global prospective and focuses on Peace education

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire and educate the whole child through a warm, ordered, self-motivating, individualized, and comprehensive Montessori education. Students will engage in critical thinking, be creative, show respect for self and others, and ultimately become competent, responsible global citizens who are life-long learners and peaceful problem-solvers.

Montessori Learning Center

Office Hours: 8:45 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. (M-Th)

8:45-noon (Friday)

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Enrollment for the 2012-13 school year opens in April 2012. Please visit www.mydehesa.org in April for the most current enrollment packet

Learning Center Class Hours

Monday- Thursday

Class Hours 8:45-2:45

Drop off- 8:15-8:45

Pick up- 2:45-3:00

Friday

Class Hours 8:45-12:15

Drop off- 8:15-8:45

Pick up- 12:15-12:30

Friday is an optional learning center class day



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Our care of the children should be governed not by the desire to 'make them learn things', but by the endeavor always to keep burning within them the light which is called intelligence.

—Maria Montessori

The Program

Dehesa Charter School's Montessori Learning Center currently serves students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. Classes are available 4 or 5 days a week. This is a parent partnership program.

The Curriculum

Our curriculum is a composition of interrelated themes. It is wide ranging, moving from concrete to abstract, from overview to detail, and returning again and again to be reconsidered in greater depth.

Kindergarten

Our kindergarten classroom is organized into five distinct areas of the Montessori environment:

1. Practical life
2. Sensorial
3. Language
4. Math
5. Cultural subjects (geography, science, music, art, dance)

Children have freedom of movement - they choose the activity and set the pace. The teacher's task is to present lessons and stimulate interest.

Lower Elementary Gr. 1-3

The curriculum is a continuation of the Montessori primary experience and is enhanced by the integration of the CA state standards. The environment reflects a new stage of development and offers the following:

Imaginative stories are used to capture the children's interest and reveal the interconnectedness of the origins of the earth, life and human communities.

Precise scientific language is used which presents the children with accurate, organized information and respects the child's intelligence and interests.

Visual and hands-on materials are used within a sequence that aids in the understanding of complex concepts in math, science, geography and history.

Montessori-trained teachers are able to integrate all subjects, not as isolated themes, but as connected parts of a whole.

Children are encouraged to research and study, in depth, the topics that interest them. They are encouraged to ask questions and are guided in their quest for answers.

Upper Elementary Gr. 4-6

The upper elementary classroom is a community of learners moving more toward the abstract in their studies. There is more of an in depth study

of language and mathematics in the form of paper and pencil.

Montessori-trained teachers continue to integrate all subjects as connected parts of a whole.

Children are encouraged to research and study, in depth, the topics that interest them. They are encouraged to ask questions and are guided in their quest for answers.

- *On campus after school care program available*
- *Enrichment classes offered during class hours and after school*

Spanish, Music, Yoga, Taekwondo, Art, Lego Engineering
- *Home school Friday option available*