



# Hearts and Hands Montessori

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HERE'S A LITTLE BIT  
ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

# Welcome!



*We Love Our Families!*

## Mission Statement

*Hearts and Hands Montessori is a Montessori inspired preschool and was created to serve the child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and developmental needs; providing a safe, beautiful, and fun environment which fosters a love of learning to continue throughout the child's life.*

## The Montessori-Inspired Classroom

Our classroom is prepared by the teacher to encourage independence, freedom within limits, and a sense of order with regular daily routines. The child, through individual choice, makes use of what the environment offers to develop himself, interacting with the teacher when support and/or guidance is needed. The teachers also prepare a specific theme that is taught throughout the week to include traditional learning strategies.

Given the freedom and support to question, to probe deeply, and to make connections, students become confident, enthusiastic, self-directed learners. They are able to think critically, work collaboratively, and act boldly—a skill set for the 21st century.

## Video-Surveillance



All of our classrooms are equipped with video surveillance, as well as our entry rooms, and outdoor play areas. We pride ourselves in knowing that parents can have the peace-of-mind that they deserve while their child is in attendance.

## Our Staff

**Trainings:** Our staff is top notch at Hearts and Hands Montessori! Each team member is equipped with CPR/First Aid along with other certified trainings such as Safe Sleep, child growth & development, child guidance, program management, family & community partnerships, curriculum, cultural & development diversity and environmental design. Each employee accomplishes at least 16 hours of training each year.

We take pride in our teachers because of their passion for children, quality care that they give, and knowledge that each attains on child growth and development.

## Air-Purification

Each classroom has an air-purification system that removes 99.9% of bacteria and viruses in the air as well as removing unwanted odors. We are pleased to offer another layer of protection to our students and staff.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Enrollment

**Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire:** To start the process of finding the perfect spot for your family a pre-enrollment questionnaire is required. This will give us the information needed to find a spot that fits your needs.

**Application:** After an application along and fee is received, administration will notify families of acceptance. When our classroom is full, families will be placed on the waiting list and will be notified by phone when openings are available in the order the application was received.

**Enrollment:** Once a family is accepted we must receive all required enrollment forms and updated immunizations before a child may attend.

**Tuition/Fees:** All fee's are non-refundable if a child is not brought for care.

- \$50.00 one time application fee
- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month
- Invoices are emailed out two weeks prior to due date

## Child-to-Teacher Ratios & Classroom Size

There are state requirements for child-to-teacher ratios as well as group sizes per age group. We are required to abide by these rules as a licensed childcare facility.

	<u>Child: Teacher Ratio</u>	<u>Group Max</u>
<b>Infant (0-24mos)</b>	<b>4:1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Toddler/PreK (2-3yrs)</b>	<b>8:1</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Primary (4-6yrs)</b>	<b>10:1</b>	<b>20</b>



### Outdoor Play

All of our children spend quality time outdoors every day, weather permitting. Parents are expected to bring weather appropriate outside gear- rain, snow or shine!

Our toddler and primary recess times are spent from approximately 10:30am-11:30am & 3:30pm-4:30pm .

Infants go out as we can accommodate their needs.

## Sickness Policy



We take the health of your children and our staff very seriously so that we can all thrive in a healthy environment. Some of the reasons for child or staff exclusions are COVID symptoms, fever of 100.4\* or above, vomiting (can return 24 hours after last vomiting episode), diarrhea, skin infections & rashes, head lice, and not adequately immunized for age as required.

## Snack & Lunches

*Families provide their child with a cold or hot lunch each day. Hearts and Hands Montessori does not provide lunch.*

### Toddler/Preschool & Primary:

- *Morning snack* is provided by the parent.
- We will provide a nutritious *afternoon snack* in the toddler/preschool and primary classrooms or give the option to choose something left from lunch.
- *Hot lunches* may be brought in a (labelled) glass dish to be warmed in the oven.

### Infants:

- Infant parents provide their child with a *morning & afternoon snack*.
- *Hot lunches* are warmed in the microwave.

## How we handle discipline

If a student has difficulty following the rules of the community, personal attention, distraction or removal from the situation are typical approaches we use and find successful.

We focus on giving the child new choices on how to respond to their emotion to allow them to have a successful outcome.

Time In rather than time out with a lot of education on self regulation and respect for others.