



Understanding Montessori Elementary

Serving children ages 6–12

The Montessori Difference

Montessori Elementary nurtures independence, curiosity, and community. Children learn through hands-on exploration, small-group lessons, and freedom balanced with responsibility.

Developmental Stages

Ages 6–9: Transition from concrete to abstract thinking. Children seek causes and categories, crave inspiring stories, and build social skills.

Ages 9–12: Abstract reasoning and love of “big ideas.” Moral development, leadership, and long-term projects prepare students for adolescence.

Core Practices

Great Lessons spark imagination and connect all subjects through a “cosmic story.”

Multi-sensory materials help children move from hands-on to abstract learning with confidence.

Research & collaboration: students pursue interests, work in groups, and manage increasingly complex projects.

Grace & Courtesy guide social skills, conflict resolution, and community responsibility.

Beyond the Classroom

Outdoor education fosters ecological awareness, independence, and stewardship.

Art, music, and drama integrate with academic themes, deepening creativity and understanding.

Age Appropriate Technology supports purposeful research and presentations while maintaining Montessori's hands-on emphasis.

Portrait of a Graduate

Montessori graduates are:

Independent: self-managing, purposeful, resourceful.

Self-aware: reflective, goal-setting, adaptable.

Inspired: curious, courageous, and eager to contribute.

Family Partnership

Parents play an essential role through observation, shared independence practices at home, and volunteering. Together, we create a community faithful to the teachings of Maria Montessori.