

Montessori Unlimited Educational Offering

Montessori Unlimited is a family of 25 schools and a leader in the traditional Montessori education. Each of our schools is a faithful reflection of Dr. Maria Montessori's vision and method. Through her work, we understand that learning involves all five senses and is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline and a love of learning.

All of our teachers (called directresses and directors) have earned a teaching certificate and completed hundreds of hours of specialized training and instruction in the Montessori method. They observe and meet the needs of each child, enabling him or her to develop the habits, attitudes, skills and ideas that lead to creative thinking and learning.

The principles that guide our program and are the foundation of a Montessori education are:

- Respect and nurture the child
- Create a unique environment
- Children learn at their own pace
- · Ask the right questions
- Prepare for a lifetime of learning

Guided by Dr. Montessori's discovery that children teach themselves, classrooms provide a prepared environment designed to stimulate each child's interest in reading, mathematics, geography and science. We use classic materials throughout the classrooms, including puzzle maps and trinomial cubes, with each piece meticulously designed according to official Montessori specifications. Our commitment to using only the best teaching materials is a cornerstone of our program.

So when you walk into a Montessori Unlimited classroom, the first thing you will notice is that everyone is busy and interested in what they are doing. Whether it is counting beads, working on a puzzle or a group language activity, children are fulfilling their natural curiosity about the world around them.

Social development is part of the learning process as well and comes from being in a positive and unique environment with other children. At Montessori Unlimited, students work in mixed age group classrooms to create an atmosphere in which the older children spontaneously share knowledge with younger ones. This development of personal dignity and ability in each child is one of the most valuable and permanent benefits of a Montessori education.

At Montessori Unlimited schools – located in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Oregon and Texas – learning is an unending adventure and inspires a lifetime of discovery.

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