

Norwood Montessori School
462 Walpole St.
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Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our School.

Enclosed you will find a brief overview of the Norwood Montessori School and a school application. Please take a few moments to look it all over the information. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 781-762-3700 or 818-497-1698 or email me at Tamikop@msn.com .

Sincerely,

Tamiko Porter
Director / Lead Teacher

NORWOOD MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Where children have the freedom to become who they are meant to be.

Informational Brochure



AGES: 1.9 TO 18 YEARS OLD

“To stimulate life and then to leave it free to develop,
to unfold. That is the first task of the educator.”

Maria Montessori

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Introduction

Norwood Montessori School offers a quality Montessori education to children ages 2 to 18 years old. The first 8 years are the most important years in a child's life. Emotionally, physically and cognitively speaking, this is when their development of personality and individuality takes place. Norwood Montessori covers these areas and gives peace of mind to you as a parent, knowing that your child is being taken care of in a loving, educational environment.

The Montessori Method is based on the theory that a child will learn and excel naturally if placed in the proper environment. This environment should be rich with learning materials and allow the child to explore and develop at his own pace.

The teacher's role in a Montessori classroom is to guide each child in their learning and exploration. The teacher will provide exciting lessons and the children then work with these lessons until they are mastered. It is through repetition and concentration that a child masters his work.

Norwood Montessori offers educational opportunities for children with an integrated curriculum. These areas include Sensorial, Language, Math, Science, Cultural, Art, Music, French, and Practical Life among others. Multi-age classrooms provide children with a carefully prepared learning environment and a wide range of quality materials. Our goal is for each child to acquire a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their whole life.

With this system of different ages in the same classroom, we accomplish important goals such as enhancing social skills, since children learn from each other. Individual needs are fulfilled and each child's potential is maximized. Self discipline is formed from the consistency of the classroom, Montessori philosophy and Peace curriculum.

Our students grow to be loving, caring, responsible, respectful children, who care about their surroundings and environment. You will see as a result of being part of our school, your child's social skills will improve as well as their ability to act independently in a very confident manner.

In a Montessori classroom, your child will find things that interest them which, encourages them to explore and eventually master. Because of Maria Montessori and her observations of the developing child, we are able to set up the environment that fulfills their interests and awakens their hidden skills. They try, practice, make mistakes and learn from every experience. The classroom environment is prepared by the teacher and then explored by the child. The teacher follows the child and learns each individual's needs and cycle of work. Then the classroom environment can be changed to each one's specific needs and interests.

As Maria Montessori tells us in her book "The Secret of Childhood", it is in this sensitive period of development that we can offer lessons of repetition leading to inner-discipline, concentration, joy in working and social development. It is from this repetition stage they will grow to the point of creation, on day-to-day basis. They enjoy time alone, as well as shared, being with children their own age as well as with older and younger ones creating a balance in the rhythm of the class.

This is what we present to you, a school that offers a sense of well being to your child through personal experiences based on the Montessori Method

SCHOOL MOTTO: "LOVE AND WISDOM"

- 1- I come to school to grow as a whole and well rounded being.
- 2- I respect myself and I am respected, by those who are younger and less experienced than I and those who are older and wiser than I.
- 3- The principles of my life are love, wisdom, hope, sharing, communication, imagination, freedom and respect for my family, my community, my country, my planet, Mother Nature, and the Universe.
- 4- I have a role in making the world a better place.
- 5- I am a smart, loving and capable person, and I will develop my skills to their best and let them keep growing without limits, bypassing all obstacles with the support of those who I share my life with.

Our Daily Routine

- As soon as the children arrive, they'll put their belongings away, change to their slippers and go to the circle area for morning group.
- After group the children work on their lessons, have snack and make free choices until recess at the end of our day.
- We use slippers given that we spend a lot of time working on the floor and we do not wish to be stepped on with a hard sole shoe nor do we wish to work on a dirty floor. Wearing slippers allows us to keep our environment clean at all times.
- The first weeks we'll have group presentations so everybody can learn how to use the materials, and gradually will transition to individual presentations.

- As teachers, we do not interfere with their development, with their concentration, meaning, we do not give unnecessary help.
- As teachers, we guide the learning process, setting up the environment according to the needs of the group: we'll sit down with one child or a small group, as required or desired, to present the materials, speak to the children, and discover the wonders of that one piece of wood, metal or fabric. We teachers, never, unless it is a life-threatening situation, interrupt the child that is at work, so, we do not break that chance for the "insight", the moment when they "get it".
- Respecting our goal of keeping the environment as neat as possible, part of the responsibilities of each child and adult will be to clean after themselves after the use of any place and material, leaving both ready for the next person that will make use of them

AM & PM Extended Program Activities

8:00 - 9:00	Free Choice, Relaxation, Montessori work
9:00	Dismissal to Classroom

3:30 - 3:40	Circle & Relaxation
3:40 - 5:30	Specials, Free Choice, Montessori work
5:30 - 6:00	Get ready-Dismissal

AM Weekly Activities

9:00 - 9:45	Circle, Show & Tell, Group Presentation, Specials(I.E. French, music, movement, ect)
9:45 - 11:50	MONTESSORI WORK PERIOD
11:50 - 12:00	Prep for Lunch and Dismissal
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch, Free Play, Dismissal

PM Weekly Activities

12:30 - 3:25	Circle, Show & Tell, Group Presentation, Specials (I.E. French, music, movement, ect) MONTESSORI WORK PERIOD & Outside or Gym Play
3:25 - 3:30	Get ready-Dismissal

Toddler Weekly Activities

9:00 - 9:45	Circle, Show & Tell, Specials (see above)
9:45 - 11:50	MONTESSORI WORK PERIOD
11:50 - 12:00	Prep for Lunch
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Quiet Activities / Rest Time
2:30 - 3:25	Work Period / Outside or Gym Play
3:25 - 3:30	Get ready-Dismissal

Full Day Weekly Activities

9:00 - 9:45	Circle, Show & Tell, Group Presentation, Specials (see above)
9:45 - 11:50	MONTESSORI WORK PERIOD
11:50 - 12:00	Prep for Lunch
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch, Quiet Activities / Rest Time
1:00 - 3:25	Work Period / Outside or Gym Play
3:25 - 3:30	Get ready-Dismissal

Elementary Weekly Activities

9:00 - 9:30	Circle, Calendar
9:30 - 12:30	MONTESSORI WORK PERIOD
12:30 - 1:00	Prep for Lunch and Lunch
1:00 - 1:20	Meditation and Show & Tell
1:20 - 2:30	Cultural Lessons: Music, Art, Big Lessons
2:30 - 3:15	Music, Individual Work and Read Aloud
3:15 - 3:30	Clean up and Get ready-Dismissal

For Secondary Schedule, Please see the Director

Application Form

Child's name: _____

Date and place of Birth: _____

Eye color: _____ Hair color: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Identifying marks: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Brothers and sisters (DOB): _____

Primary language: _____

Other languages spoken at home: _____

Favorite toys/games/activities: _____

Fears: _____

Has the child attended a different school in the past: Yes: ___ No: ___

If yes, specify: Name: _____

For how long: _____

Reason of change: _____

How did you hear about us? Newspaper Flyer Other

Time Interested in: AM [] PM [] Full Day [] Elementary [] Secondary []
Full Day Toddler [] Half Day Toddler [] Hours: _____

Parent's signatures: _____

Date: _____

Application Procedure

1. Submit application and a **non-refundable** \$50.00 application fee to **Norwood Montessori School**
2. The Director and Teacher will interview all applicants
3. **The place holding fee is due upon acceptance**

Official use only	
Date of Application: _____	Date of interview _____
Date of admission: _____	Application Fee: _____
Age at admission: _____	