

MIDDLE SCHOOL

This is the final step in the MMS journey. It is a two year program that combines ages 12 through 14 in one classroom under the guidance of two specialists. We emphasize a traditional middle school curriculum along with independent long term project work. Students develop skills in inquiry, research, exploration, creativity and leadership. We inspire the adolescent to the highest level of academic achievement while also considering his or her emotional and interpersonal needs.



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OUR MISSION

To provide an environment that frees the child to develop his/her full academic, emotional and spiritual potential.



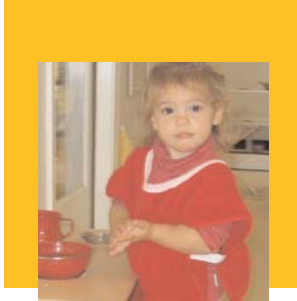
The Maria Montessori School is the finest Montessori program in the Mid-South. Educating children from 16 months to 14 years, our teachers bring true passion to the process. To see the value of their work, we only need to look at our students and alumni: they are eager, confident, respectful and proud. They fearlessly question, research and analyze. They seek to understand, not just to provide answers. They are self-directed and love to learn.

We are a non-profit, non-denominational, non-discriminatory school that follows the method established by Dr. Maria Montessori. We are fully certified by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), which is the oldest recognized authority on Montessori education worldwide.



ASSISTANTS TO INFANCY

Beginning at 16 months children join the toddler community where basic motor coordination, independence and language development are fostered and individual personality is respected. Rather than a classroom, it is a nurturing social community where very young children experience their first contact with other children and learn to participate in a cooperative group.



PRIMARY



The Primary program is a prepared environment geared to the size, pace and interest of children 2^{1/2} through 6 years of age. The children work to their stage of development under the guidance of the directresses.

The work focuses on these areas:

- practical life
- sensorial development
- language arts
- geometry and mathematics
- geography
- science
- fine arts

Children ages 5 and 6 who have reached academic readiness and maturity are engaged in the advanced work of the afternoon program.



ELEMENTARY

The Elementary program is for children ages 6 through 12. Each child moves at his own pace as he explores his place in the world through language and communication, geography, science, history, mathematics and geometry, natural environment, and conflict resolution. The Elementary guides encourage the child to master grade appropriate material while becoming an independent and responsible learner through exploration, independent research, group study and presentations.

