***Frequently Asked Questions***

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| Q.  A. | Where did Montessori come from?  The Montessori (pronounced MON-tuh-SORE-ee) philosophy was established in 1907 by Dr. Maria Montessori. She based her educational methods on scientific observation of children's learning processes. Guided by her discovery that children teach themselves, Dr. Montessori designed a "prepared environment" in which children could freely choose from a number of developmentally appropriate activities. She started the first casa dei bambini ("children's house") in Rome. Today, The Montessori education is worldwide, educating students from birth to adolescent. |

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| Q.  A. | Montessori or traditional education?  When you say Montessori, you are committing to educating uses the five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Learning is exciting and fun. It’s a process which involves concentration, motivation, self-discipline and a love for learning. Montessori classes are composed of mixed age groups, creating an environment in which the older children spontaneously share their knowledge with the younger ones. The Montessori education represents an entirely different approach from traditional education. |  | |

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| Q.  A. | Can Montessori be used at home?  Absolutely, since child development begins at home. Look at your home through your child's eyes. Children need a sense of belonging, and they get it by participating fully in the routines of everyday life. "Help me do it by myself" is the life theme of the preschooler. Find ways your child can help in meal preparation, cleaning, gardening, caring for clothes, shoes, and toys? Provide opportunities for independence to build your child's self-esteem. The Montessori philosophy is used by homeschooling parents and others as they follow the child’s interest. |

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| Q.  A. | Montessori serve what age group?  Montessori programs for ages 3-6 are the most popular age group. However, there are many infant/toddler programs (ages 2 months to 3 years) as well. Then you have a few elementary (ages 6-12), adolescent (ages 12-15) and even Montessori high schools. |

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| Q.  A. | What is the likely success of a Montessori student?  Research studies show that Montessori children are well prepared socially, emotionally and academically. They score well on standardized test. The Montessori child typically ranks above average on such criteria as following directions, turning in work on time, listening attentively, using basic skills, showing responsibility, asking provocative questions, showing enthusiasm for learning, and adapting to new situations. |