

History

Montessori School of Corona was established in the fall of 1982 and continues to serve the Corona community as its largest Montessori School.

Our pre-school and elementary lead teaching staff are Montessori-trained with many years of experience. Jr. High lead teachers are public school credentialed. All staff members are CPR/First Aid certified. We are active participants in our community as members of the Chamber of Commerce and Co-sponsors of the Day of the Young Child. We accept enrollment of students ranging in age from toddler to 8th grade depending on their ability to benefit from our program.

Our school is based on a traditional September to June track. We also provide an optional Summer School program.

Our school is located in South Corona. Our playground provides many sporting opportunities such as basketball, handball, climbing and other age-appropriate gross motor activities. Our spacious lunch areas are shaded.



The Montessori Method of education was founded by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first woman to receive a Medical degree in Italy. As a young doctor her persistent interest in the needs of children eventually led to the opening of "Casa dei Bambini" in the slums of Rome. Using a concrete, multi-sensory approach, her unique teaching methods achieved remarkable success and recognition from such peers as Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

She developed the aesthetically pleasing "Montessori Materials" that are still in use in classrooms around the world. Her method and philosophy, based on the dignity and individual worth of each child, is the cornerstone upon which our school was built.

Montessori is a unique method encompassing three main components: **a) the child, b) the environment, and c) the teacher.** It is designed to maintain a sensible balance between freedom and structure. The goal is to provide a pleasant environment with beautiful, developmentally appropriate materials designed to meet the natural needs of each child. Children are encouraged to pursue areas of interest through individual in-depth studies and projects.

Inspire

For this reason, strong emphasis is placed on developing skills for researching and writing. Overall guidance is provided by a specially trained teacher. All of this gives the Montessori child a strong foundation for developing into a responsible, content, and well-rounded adult.

"Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world"
- Maria Montessori

The educational environment or classroom was designed to help children develop as total human beings. The environment is structured in a way that will cultivate the children's own natural desire to learn.

Special didactic materials used in the Montessori environment meet this objective by allowing the child to perfect his/her own natural tools for learning. The Montessori materials have a long-range purpose as well as the immediate goal of providing the child with specific information while maintaining enthusiasm for learning.

These hands-on materials provide students with an opportunity to use their five senses for learning, thereby reinforcing their impressions and the belief that the hand is the instrument of the mind.



"Children learn by doing."
- Maria Montessori

Basic Curriculum components in the Montessori program include: practical life, sensorial, mathematics, language arts, science, and cultural studies. All of these subjects are taught in an age and ability appropriate manner. Thematic Units of Study are implemented in Pre-School through 8th grade in order to further enhance the curriculum. Each Unit of Study culminates in either a field trip or a related celebration.



ACHIEVE



Physical Education

Beginning at kindergarten level, students participate in P.E. classes two to three times weekly under the guidance of our P.E. instructor.

Sports skills, physical fitness and sportsmanship are emphasized.



Computer Lab

Upper Elementary through Jr. High students are taught touch typing, internet usage, and the application of appropriate software.

Spanish

Basic Spanish vocabulary is introduced at the pre-school level. Students work on conversational Spanish and vocabulary enrichment. Workbooks are used for Kindergarten and up.



After School Extras

Dance, Gymnastics, Karate, Theater, Science, and other programs are available at an additional fee.



Field Trips

Off-Campus field trips are offered throughout the school year for grades K-8 at an additional fee with transportation provided by a bus service.



Music

We are proud to offer a music program that implements a combination of rhythm, music, and movement. Students begin playing a pitched instrument in the third grade. The students' accomplishments are celebrated in musical presentations.



Art

Our art program offers artistic experiences that range from process oriented art projects to formal drawing lessons based on the five elements of shape.





Directors

Colleen Ferryman and Mahima Varma have served as owners, directors and classroom teachers at Montessori School of Corona since 1993. Both have had their own children enrolled at MSOC from pre-school through elementary and junior high

school. Along with the exceptional staff, their ultimate goal is "to educate the human potential."

School Hours

6:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours 8:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Programs

Toddler / Pre-School

- 2-3-5 Half Days
- 2-3-5 Academic Days
- 2-3-5 Full Days

Elementary

- 5 Academic Days
- 5 Full days

Summer Session

An enriched, fun-filled, and flexible program is offered during the summer months. Remedial work is combined with creative activities and physical education.

Transportation

To and from school transportation of students is provided by parents. Carpool lists are available in the front office. For field trips we contract an outside transit service, with cost covered by a field trip fee.



Day Care

Both before & after school day care for all age groups is available at an additional fee.

Tuition, Registration, Material Fees & Sibling Discounts

This information is available at the front office and on our website.



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