

Empowered to Learn.  
Inspired to Discover.



Bright Horizons Montessori Schools



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## Bright Horizons

Montessori Schools are inspiring, carefully planned places where children achieve academic excellence and lifelong skills and are encouraged to reach their full potential.

The Montessori educational approach invites children to learn at their own pace — to question, experiment, and grow as their curiosity and readiness dictates. We set high expectations for children and empower them to find their path of learning, an approach that helps them develop self-confidence, self-discipline, and independence. The multiage structure of our classrooms fosters social and emotional growth, allows children to be both learners and teachers, and instills a respect for others. The specialized Montessori learning materials give children a hands-on understanding of the fundamental concepts of math, language, and science. At a Bright Horizons Montessori School, children develop the skills they need to excel as learners and to succeed in life.



## Nurturing Confidence. Fostering Independence. Encouraging Excellence.

From the moment your child enters a Bright Horizons Montessori School, he or she will become immersed in a comprehensive, thoughtfully prepared learning environment designed specifically for the needs of the child. Children from infancy through elementary school thrive in the child-centered, inviting world of a Montessori classroom.

Our classrooms empower children by encouraging them to self-direct their activities in a carefully designed, dynamic environment that fosters learning and invites inquiry. Children are guided toward establishing a solid foundation for growth and development while acquiring the skills they need throughout their academic pursuits.



## Introduction to Montessori Education

For more than a century, the Montessori educational method, based on the work of Dr. Maria Montessori, has been respected worldwide. Dr. Montessori recognized the child's developmental need for individualized, sequenced learning and a carefully prepared environment that allows for active child choice and small-group lessons. Through careful observation of children, she created an educational approach based on children's natural progression of learning, inquiry, and development. Teachers of the Montessori approach undergo very specific education and training to facilitate the unique educational experience. Montessori teachers are careful observers and creators, mentors as well as supportive companions to the children in their care. They adapt classroom experiences to match each child's readiness and developmental needs.

## In a Bright Horizons Montessori School:

- Children are viewed as competent learners in uniquely prepared Montessori environments. They are motivated to make choices that lead to mastery of their bodies, their minds, and their environment. Children in mixed-age groups respond to their natural drive to work and learn, as well as to teach other children and act as role models for learning.
- Montessori-designed, self-correcting educational materials and teacher-developed activities encourage children's exploration of the world through their senses, movement, and motor mastery. Children develop concentration, observation, and assessment skills. The child's ability to complete a sequence of activity from beginning, middle, to end lays the foundation for higher levels of learning.
- Teachers observe and guide each child through the curriculum by introducing concepts and materials in small-group lessons, encouraging practice and refinement through repetition, and introducing new challenges when the child is ready. The Montessori-trained teacher is both guide and observer, as well as a nurturing companion to the children. As children progress at their own pace and rhythm, new lessons are presented. And as children grow, they use the materials to explore ideas in new and deeper ways.
- Activities encourage independence and freedom within appropriate limits creating a small society of capable, independent learners working together.
- Children develop an understanding of the relationship between knowledge and people. Each child is respected as a unique personality and as an important, responsible member of the community.



“The greatness of  
the human personality  
begins at the hour  
of birth.”

– Maria Montessori



“Free the child's potential  
and you will transform him  
into the world.”

– Maria Montessori

## An Enriching Education

We encourage you to visit one of our Montessori schools to see the high-quality, enriching education that children experience there.

### Our schools feature:

- The Montessori sequence of learning, guided by the child's readiness in all areas of curriculum: reading, math, science, and history
- Carefully designed Montessori environments
- Trained and experienced Montessori teachers
- Ongoing professional development for staff
- Enrichment programs such as foreign language, art, music, and dance
- Beautiful, safe, and fully licensed indoor and outdoor spaces for children
- Field trips
- Summer recreational and educational programs
- Parent education
- Opportunities for parent involvement



# Infant and Toddler Program

(6 weeks to 3 years)

In the Montessori infant and toddler program, each child is nurtured as a unique individual. The beautiful and orderly space provides gentle support for active learning. The infant and toddler program blends practical life, manipulative play, sensorial experiences, math, language, art, and music.

Infants and toddlers are encouraged to explore in a rich, safe learning environment with materials from the natural world, everyday household objects, and materials chosen for their design and sensory qualities. Freedom of movement is valued, and babies have opportunities to use all of their emerging physical and cognitive skills.

Infant and toddler teachers form close relationships with families and nurture the development of each child, based on observation of his or her unique characteristics. Through responsive interactions, teachers promote the development of language and establish a strong sense of security.



## Primary Program

(3 to 6 years)

In this mixed-age primary classroom, the Montessori hands-on learning approach includes the major curriculum areas: language, mathematics, sensorial, practical life, cultural studies, science, geography, history, music, and art.

The primary program fosters autonomy in children by instilling an "I can do it" attitude, which gives the child a good feeling about school and builds independence.

We ensure that each building block of the academic foundation is mastered by the child. Using careful observation, the teacher takes her cues from the child to determine when formal reading and math instruction should begin and when to move on to the next skill.

# Elementary Program

(1st through 5th grade)

The Montessori elementary program focuses on decision-making, problem-solving, and time management within the context of academics. Mathematics, geometry, science, language arts, history, and geography form the core curriculum.

A Montessori elementary education draws upon the independence of the student, encouraging self-directed study and independent research while developing skills and knowledge through individual instruction and small-group lessons. Students learn abstract concepts by working with concrete material. The program meets or exceeds all state standards.

Montessori logic dictates a learning sequence that begins with global concepts and builds toward specific details. For example, a student will move from the study of the globe to the study of the continents or from the study of the decimal system to the study of the different mathematical operations.

Teachers combine high expectations for children with hands-on, challenging, and engaging materials in an environment designed to foster academic and social skills.



“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

– Maria Montessori



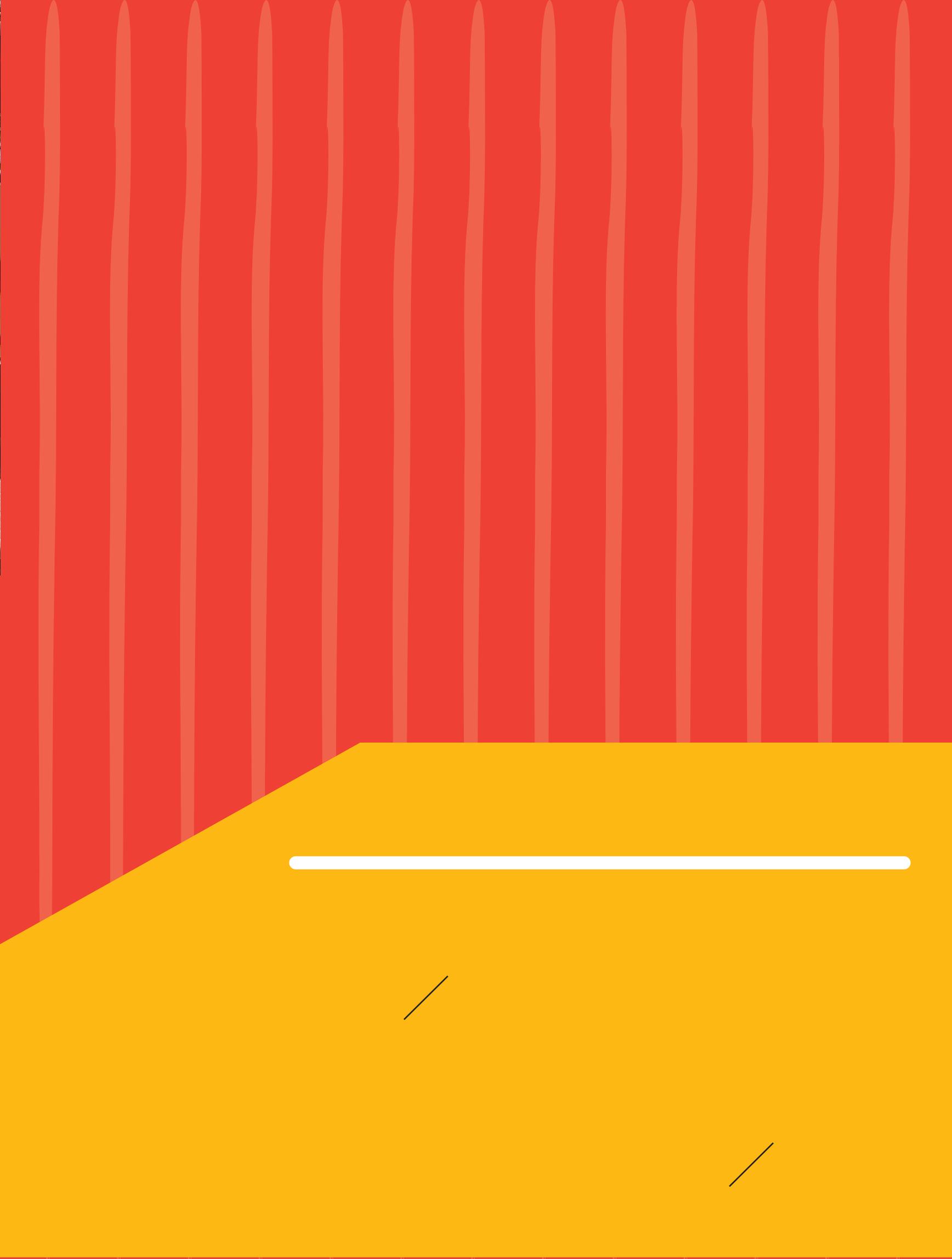


# Children at Bright Horizons Montessori Schools:

- Develop self-confidence and a sense of achievement
- Make choices and self-direct their activity
- Communicate effectively
- Work independently and cooperatively
- Express themselves through language, music, dance, art, and drama
- Develop long-lasting friendships

## About Bright Horizons

At Bright Horizons, children are empowered to become confident, successful, lifelong learners and secure, caring people. We help children to see the world as an invitation to learn, to grow, and to live fully — to see a world full of possibilities that are within their reach. We help children approach school and academics with skills, confidence, and the drive for excellence.





Please contact any of our Bright Horizons Montessori Schools to schedule a visit and tour, and see for yourself what a difference a Montessori education can make for your child.

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