

Explaining Montessori Philosophies

The most important years of growth in a child are between **18 months and six years**. Within this time frame, your child will learn, manage and master hundreds of tasks in a progressive, systematic series of lesson plans called The Montessori Method.

Our Objective

We teach your children in such a way that they understand themselves and the world around them via concepts that build lifelong learning.

In a Montessori setting, children rule. As a result, the core difference between Montessori and traditional toddler, primary & kindergarten programs are many:

- Children are taught via a hands-on, interactive environment and are **free to learn at their own pace**
- **Learning about oneself is based on self-building;** as a result, children develop their own will, self-control, concentration, intellect, self-esteem, independence, and sense of responsibility
- Children are grouped in age ranges rather than age-specific classes
- Classrooms are communities based on **students respecting other students**
- **Classrooms are 'children's houses'** rather than 'parent's houses'
- Students are **observed and evaluated** but not issued grades
- Disciplining a child does not include a 'time out' or punishment; rather, **it's all about talking out behaviors with the child**

Most importantly, what the child learns in the classroom continues at home. Parents learn to let their kids do things themselves!



Welcome to Your Children's House



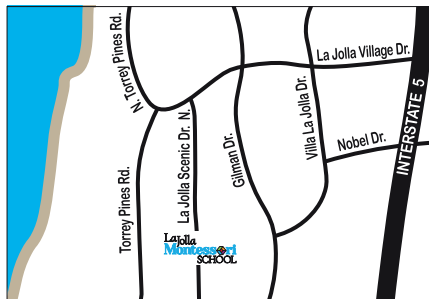
A Message From Kelly McFarland, M.Ed., LJMS Director

The Montessori approach to education is about lifelong learning. You might say it is the 'jewel in the crown' of our objectives. That's why we named our school La Jolla Montessori.

Our program prepares your child to become a lifelong problem solver and learner via bilingual immersion.

From 18 months to six years, we aim to provide a nurturing, supportive and loving environment to build your child's academic, physical and psychological make-up. It is a challenge we love.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you and your children. **Together, we will create a new generation of leaders in a world they are prepared to manage and master.** Thank you so much!



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La Jolla Montessori School is located off I-5 at La Jolla Village Drive, just south of the main UCSD Campus entrance. Take a left onto La Jolla Scenic Drive North, and you're here.

We welcome parents & families to visit and learn all about our unique school. Please schedule a tour online at kelly@lajollamontessorischool.com or by calling Kelly McFarland at (858) 256-6800.

www.LaJollaMontessoriSchool.com

"Speech is one of the marvels that characterize man."

— Maria Montessori



Immersive
English/Spanish
Bilingual
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La Jolla Montessori SCHOOL

Teaching the Whole Child

Toddler, Primary & Kindergarten Programs



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Why Choose La Jolla Montessori School?

At La Jolla Montessori School, building your child's academic, social, intellectual and artistic growth is what motivates us. **Through individualized teaching, we stimulate, challenge and create a 'whole child' who loves to learn and express his or her curiosity.** As a result of this participatory experience, children learn to do by and for themselves.

Our educated, experienced and worldly Montessori accredited teachers are like gardeners. We plant the seeds of learning within our youngest learners, give them the strength and awareness to harness their self and their self-confidence, and watch them harvest the tools we ingrained in them to bear fruit in elementary school.

Building 'Generation Next' With English/Spanish Immersion

Throughout our English/Spanish bilingual immersion, we aim to build foreign language fluency by the end of Primary school.

When our children graduate from the college class of 2040, America will be far different. Gen X will be retiring. Today's teenagers will be 35 years old with kids of their own. And, our toddlers will enter the workforce. **As parents, our job today is to educate our kids to succeed in an unfolding tomorrow.**

Teaching two languages does more than just create bilingual fluency by First Grade. Immersion's true value is validated when teaching two languages at once creates overall problem-solving abilities throughout a child's mind. They process learning and language as tools to understand counting, reading, and writing. Plus, their communication skills will be second to none.

TODDLER PROGRAM

For Children **18 Months to 3 Years of Age**

Half Day: **8:30 - 12:30**

Full Day: **8:30 - 3:00**

After School Care Provided
Summer Program

Instilling Accomplishment, Pride and Independence

These are the three core goals in La Jolla Montessori School Toddler Program. From learning to care for oneself as well as the world outside themselves, **our teachers guide our youngest students in a loving, nurturing way.** Building children from the ground up is a core component of the Montessori Method.

Along the way, basic milestones are achieved: potty training, dressing themselves, 'picking up and putting away,' and increasing gross and fine motor skills. From basic concepts to introducing children to language, art, music, and social skills, **we welcome your child to a happy, joyful world of wonder based on doing for oneself.**

During this time, we begin teaching two languages in a natural way. To do this, we use two teachers in one classroom. For example, in circle time, teachers will take turns conducting reading, stories, and songs—one day in English and the next day in Spanish. **Over time, toddlers become familiar with both languages.**

PRIMARY & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

For Children **3 to 6 Years of Age**

Half Day: **8:30 - 12:45**

Full Day: **8:30 - 2:45**

After School Care Provided
Summer Program

Growth, Learning, Understanding & Communicating With Others

Here in the Primary and Kindergarten programs are where Dr. Maria Montessori's 110 year-old teaching method shows its considerable talents as a tool for self-reliance.

As your child grows, so do our programs. **Here in Primary, three to six year-old children are immersed in behaviors and lessons to help them become self-motivated, successful learners.**

Bilingual teaching transitions smoothly in the primary environment since teaching began during the Toddler program. Starting with 'sandpaper' letters in both English and Spanish, students learn via sounds, feeling & sight.

Once children know their letters, writing and reading begins. Now, they begin to understand language and lessons, especially in their native tongues.

Peer learning, a core Montessori Method tool, then comes to the fore. A three year-old may not be ready for specific lessons but a kindergartner may. **So, our two teachers pair the younger child with the older child to help understanding and assimilation.** In this way, younger children

emulate older children while learning to respond in ever-increasing ways.

Conversely, older children become program leaders by sharing work and lessons with younger children. **As a result, Year Three students become more confident because they are now capable of showing Year One kids how to undertake tasks.**

"Education is the kindling of a flame not the filling of a vessel."
— Socrates

