



MONTESSORI CASA INTERNATIONAL
PRESCHOOL

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Punum's Desk...

The Importance of Montessori for
the Kindergarten Year

**Understanding the Montessori
Environment**

"The greatest help you can give your children is freedom to go about their own work in their own way, for in this matter your child knows better than you." Maria Montessori

The Montessori classroom is a home away home – a happy place full of friends where you can be yourself. It is a place full of interesting things to do, but also a place where you can take time out and just be quiet if you want to. It is somewhere where you can grow up knowing that you belong and that you are special. A parent of our school who had been to a Montessori school as a child once told me, she felt as though someone put a warm blanket on her every day and she carried that feeling as she grew to be an adult.

At MCI, we strive to do that and more every day. Our teachers carefully prepare the environment daily. The layout of the classroom encourages exploration, communication and the development of relationships on all levels. Everything reflects a dedication to quality, beauty and to the children's

abilities to do things for themselves. Maria Montessori saw that careful preparation of the environment is an essential ingredient for the successful development of children. She wanted the classroom to be a happy, friendly place where children felt at home, where they knew where everything was and where they didn't always have to rely on adults to help them.

Re enrollment paperwork

It is hard to believe that it is already time to start re-enrolling for the next school year. We will be sending out the information by the 19th of January and ask that you return the Intent to Re-enroll form by the 1st of February. We will after that open spaces to those on our wait list. If you are waiting to put siblings on the wait list, please do so as soon as possible. Siblings get priority over others on the wait list but we must have their application forms.

Summer Camp

As usual, we will be staying open for the month of June. Along with the Intent to Re-enroll, we will be sending out a sign up form for summer camp. Please return these to us by the 1st of February as well. Thank you.

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Carpool

Please note that it is an expectation of the school that **ALL** Primary children be dropped off at carpool between 7:45am – 8am. Preprimary drop is at 8am.

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January 2021

- A 4 NO SCHOOL - PD DAY
- 5 School reopens
- 18 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

A request

I would personally like to thank you for your very kind messages and gratitude at the end of the last semester. I am happy we were able to provide the children with normalcy during these very unprecedented times and as we start back up in 2021, hope to continue to be their oasis. For the benefit and well-being of our children, please adhere to the safety protocols with due diligence. Thank you.