



# MHP Montessori Questions and Answers



## **What is Montessori?**

The Montessori approach to learning is “hands-on.” All learning activities support children in choosing meaningful and challenging work at their own interest and ability level. This child-directed engagement strengthens motivation, supports attention, and encourages responsibility.

## **What does Montessori learning look like?**

Montessori learning takes place in uninterrupted blocks of work time (2+ hours in length) allowing children to work at their own pace and fully immerse themselves in an activity without interruption. The child’s work cycle involves selecting an activity, performing it for as long as it remains interesting, cleaning up the activity and returning it to the shelf, and making another work choice.

## **What does a Montessori classroom look like?**

A Montessori classroom feels more like a home than a school. You won’t see desks, or find a teacher standing at the front of the room delivering a lesson to the whole class. Instead, you will see children happily working individually or in small groups at tables or on the floor near small mats that delineate their own space. Montessori classrooms are made up of child-sized furniture and materials allowing students to help maintain the organization and cleanliness of the environment to keep it orderly and attractive, and to help your child understand how to care for materials and clean up after themselves.

## **What will my child learn?**

The Early Childhood Montessori classroom offers your child 5 areas of study: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Cultural Studies. Through these areas they will learn skills such as (but not limited to) daily-life skills, perception of the world through their different senses, hands-on exploration of the base-10 system, the ability to write and read, and an abundance of integrated lessons in the cultural area of curriculum. As your child grows in their learning, they will then be exposed to the Lower Elementary areas of study which include: Advanced Practical Life, Math, Language, Botany, Physical Geography, Cultural Geography, Zoology, Matter and Astronomy, History, and Health Sciences. Through these areas of study, students will expand upon their prior knowledge as their interest guides them.

## **Is Montessori right for my child?**

The Montessori environment is “right” for a wide range of personalities and learning styles. Teachers, parents, and students will need to form an alliance of mutual cooperation and respect to be sure the high standards and achievement is fully supported. The Montessori class is available for students ages 5-9.

**Interested in visiting one of our Montessori classes?  
Please call 478-457-2495 and set up an appointment!**

If you think Montessori is a good fit for your child, please complete this form.

**Baldwin County Schools**  
**Midway Hills Primary Montessori Application/Interest Form**  
**2022-2023**

Student's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a short statement on why you are interested in your child being in the Montessori program. (required 100-200 words)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in our Montessori program! You may mail or drop this form off at Midway Hills Primary located at 375 Blandy Rd., Milledgeville, GA 31061 or scan and email this interest form to Tara Burney, Principal at [tara.burney@baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:tara.burney@baldwin.k12.ga.us)**