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Madison Montessori School:

Madison Montessori School is celebrating its 35th year of being a small, not-for-profit school nestled in the center of Madison, NJ.

Madison Montessori School (MMS) began with 8 students in 1981, and although the student body has grown since then, MMS has intentionally remained a small learning community. The school's mission statement underscores its belief that preschool children need a comfortable, nurturing, and supportive environment as they grow into the role of a 'student'. Being known by staff and peers makes a decided difference to the children.

A Tiny Gem of Authentic Montessori Preschool Education Serving Students 2 ½ - 6 Years Old Celebrating 35 Years!

The Montessori Method follows the child. That means each child begins by teaching us about him/herself— personality, learning style, capabilities, etc. Over time the children discover much about themselves. As this happens, teachers learn how to guide them toward successful learning experiences. Montessori preschool education is cumulative—the children build a foundation upon what was learned the year before.

There is science behind the Montessori Method. From the prepared environment to material design, everything has a specific purpose and progression. Our teachers, trained in the method, are a critical component.

In the MMS 'little classroom', eight children begin the process of developing good work habits, social awareness, and viewing school as a positive, exciting place to learn. Guided use of the materials develops fine motor skills and promotes an increase in concentration—necessary tools for learning.

The experienced MMS teachers and student/teacher ratio is key to accommodating the many levels of ability in the mixed-age classroom. In this class, the children continue to build their 'learning foundation'. They develop problem solving and cognitive skills by grouping, classifying, and identifying information. Children increase visual, auditory, and tactile perceptions through the sensorial materials and experiences. By design, the younger children have the opportunity to learn from those who are older, and the older children develop leadership skills.

As the child matures during the two or three years in this class, his/her roles shift from being the youngest, to a place in the middle, then to being the oldest. With this consistency, students form strong relationships with peers and teachers and assimilate a sense of community.

The kindergarten year solidifies the foundation of learning that the students have thus far achieved. Children ages 5 and 6 move

from concrete to abstract thinking, and their understanding of concepts deepens. Their social intelligence matures; they develop more sensitivity to others and become the role models and leaders for their younger MMS friends.


At MMS, we encourage children and families to be globally-minded. Each year, we choose one country to explore as a school community – including its animals, geography, culture, and language. Our students, parents, and staff share in the discovery of customs and traditions unique to this country. The study of one country each year adds exciting learning opportunities and broadens the children's global awareness. This year we are studying Mongolia!

One former student from the original eight wrote to us, "I feel that Madison Montessori established my love of learning above all things." We value the relationships that continue after children move on to other schools. In 35 years, we have had the opportunity to know so many children and families and look forward to getting to know many more.

To learn more, you can visit us on line at www.MadisonMontessoriNJ.org and on Facebook.

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