

Our Mission:

- To provide a warm and accepting environment in which each child feels secure, respected, and loved.
- To stimulate the growth of the total child.
- To provide an enriched stimulating environment with safe limits within which the child becomes an active explorer
- To help children become confident, happy, calm, purposeful, free and independent.
- To encourage the child to become self directed.
- To develop creativity and a positive self image.
- To provide a cross-cultural environment in which the foundations of global peace may be laid.
- To give children an understanding of the world and respect for all they find in it.

Welcome letter...

Dear Parents,

We feel honored that you have considered American Montessori as a school for your child. We hope that you have visited other schools and then found that our school is the kind of school that you want your child to attend. At American Montessori your child comes first. We feel that it is a privilege that you will allow us to share in the development and education of your most precious possessions, your children.

It is a task, however, that we will not accept fully on our own. The education and well-being of your child will be a task that should be combined. We realize that the parent is the first teacher of the child and we will gladly assist in providing a combined education for each and every one of your children. If this is truly what you would like for your child, then let me welcome you to our American Montessori Family.

Sincerely,

Miss Sandy

Our Staff...

Miss Sandy - owner and directress of American Montessori schools. She has over 17 years of Montessori experience. She has her AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) certificate. Her experience consists of working with children in 7 different schools around the world and here in Minnesota.

Miss Zulekha is our certified Kindergarten Montessori teacher. She is AMS (American Montessori Society) certified. She has over 14 years experience and she also holds an Associate Degree in Child Development. She has been with us for over 7 years.

Miss Jan is our certified Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Montessori teacher. She has a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota; she also has Montessori training for children ages 6 – 9 years old from the Center for Contemporary Montessori from St. Catherine's College in St. Paul. She has been with us for the past 8 months.

Miss Betsy is our Toddler teacher. She has a Child Development Associate Degree, a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in Childcare Administration. She has 25 years experience in Early Childhood Education and Childcare. She has been with us for the past 6 months.

Miss Melissa is our Preschool teacher for Apple Valley; she is teacher qualified and holds a certificate of childcare development. She has over 11 years experience in childcare and has been with us for over 7 years and is currently enrolled in Montessori training college.

Miss Kate is teacher qualified and holds a certificate of childcare development. She has been with us for over 9 years.

Miss Angie is our Toddler Preschool Transition teacher; she has been with us since September 2005. Miss Angie has over 6 years of experience as a childcare provider. She worked as an aide with us back in 2001 - 2002 and now has come to us as our teacher. She is enrolled to be an EMT.

Miss Rose & Miss Deanna & Miss Marie – are our Substitute Teachers when needed

Miss Bonnie, Miss Vivian, Miss Natalya & Miss Cassandra – are our Extracurricular Teachers.



“Where Children are Our Priority”

Who we are?

American Montessori has been providing Montessori education/childcare since 1997

We currently have two locations –

Burnsville
13973 W. Preserve Blvd.
Burnsville, MN 55337

Parents Hot Line: (952) 277-0011
Minutes from 35W, Cty Rds. 5 & 42
and Hwy. 13

Apple Valley
14401 Pilot Knob Road
Apple Valley, MN 55431
Parents Hot Line: (952) 423-4777
Minutes from 77 (Cedar Ave.), Cty Rd 42
and Dodd Rd

We offer Montessori programs for

Toddlers – 16 months – 33 months

Preschoolers – 33 months – 4 years

Pre-Kindergarten – 4 years – 5 years

Kindergarteners – 5 years – 6+ years

For rates and more info you can contact Miss Sandy via email or phone.

Enrollment Line: (952) 736-1004

www.americanmontessori.com
misssandy@americanmontessori.com

Our Programs

Kindergarten Program – Our

Kindergarten program is especially designed for your 5 to 6 year old. We offer the kindergarten program to our children who wish to continue the Montessori schooling through kindergarten. The program helps them to master their interest in math, reading and writing before they move into 1st grade in public and private schools. This program is also offered to any child who wishes to experience Montessori learning before moving on to 1st grade. Listed below are examples of the lessons that are taught:

- Sounds, letters, letterbox, Phonetic words, flash cards, reading books.
- Numbers with quantities up to 1000, decimal system, fractions, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Writing letters and numbers
- Spelling, word lists, word building
- Spanish – colors, numbers, shapes, etc.
- Science – human body, plants, insects, etc.
- Geography – countries, land formations, continents, oceans, states, flags, people and habitat, etc.
- Holiday Celebrations around the World.
- How to tell time.
- Art – painting, collage, drawing, printing, molding, etc.

Preschool/Pre-K Program – Our

Preschoolers/Pre-K 'ers come to us with a variety of previous childcare experiences, from in home daycare, childcare centers, stay at home parents or within our own toddler program. Regardless of their previous experiences our team of preschool teachers will help with the total development of your child, emotionally, physically, intellectually and socially. We understand that each preschooler is unique and are at different stages of development, so our objective is to not to compare their abilities with one another, but observe their interests and build their individualized lesson plans around them. So at the end of their preschool years they have mastered what they like to do and achieved what they need to know to proceed to kindergarten.

Our preschoolers work everyday to build the following:

- Independence – we achieve this by simply letting them care for themselves within the guidance of the teacher.
- Patience – we learn patience through many fun activities throughout the day.
- Social Skills – building relationships with other children and teachers.
- Concentration – is built in working with all Montessori activities, especially with Exercise of Practical Life, the foundation of Montessori.

A typical preschool day consists of work and play. Play can be indoor/outdoor/or going to the park and is done early morning, before lunch and after afternoon snack. Work time is used for learning and exploring the different activities within the prepared environment which includes Exercise of Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, Writing, Science, Art, Story time, Music & Movement, Geography and Spanish. (*Refer to web page for more information on the prepared environment*).

Toddler Program – At American Montessori we believe all children including toddlers are active explorers of their environment. We do the best of our ability to provide a rich and stimulating environment with lots of love and care. Over the years we have experienced our toddler program benefiting toddlers in many ways. Listed below are some examples:

- Vocabulary Skills - introducing new words and helping them to use sentences.
- Social Skills – sharing, taking turns, child interaction, and teacher interaction.
- Manners – Good Morning, Thank you, Please, I am sorry, etc.
- Potty Training.
- Cleaning Up and Table Manners.

Miss Betsy, our toddler teacher will help your child to be independent through a daily schedule of activities which include exercise of practical life, sensorial, art, collage, painting, coloring, puzzles, story time, music, etc. The day also includes breakfast, snacks, lunch, nap, dance and indoor/outdoor playtime. Please refer to the website for the toddler schedule.

Extracurricular Activities

Dance & Gymnastics – Taught by Miss Bonnie, our Dance Teacher, once a week

Spanish/Sign Language – Taught by Miss Vivian, our Spanish & Sign Language Teacher, twice a week

Art – Taught by Miss Cassandra, our Art Teacher, twice a month

Music – Taught by Miss Natalya, our Music Teacher. Music classes are available to your child for **an additional cost**.

Computers – We have 6 computers for the children to work on with learning activities, lessons are taught by Mr. Jim.

Other Information

Meals – (AV) All food and drink must be brought from home

(BV) Fees include breakfast, snack, juice and milk (Children must be at school by 7:30AM for breakfast from school) Lunch can be brought from home or may be purchased from the school for additional cost
Letter Bag/Book Day – We do letter bag and book day once a week throughout the school year.

Conferences – We do parent teacher conferences twice a year & go over your child's progress reports.

Field Trips & Special Events – We go on field trips/or have planned events at school throughout the year.

School Programs – We have a Spring Program.

Park/Playground/Play Area – (BV) – We have a fenced in play area and we use Sunset Pond Park, which is located right behind the school
(AV) – We have a spacious green area for running and playing in.

Orientation – This is to get to know your child and family and for you to get to know us and our program.

School Year – Runs from September - May.

Summer School – Runs June, July and August.

Holidays – We are closed on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Day After, and Winter Break. (Please check the website to see exact dates for current year closings)

References – are on website and available upon request