

TODDLER CURRICULUM OUTLINE



Developed by Dr. Maria Montessori,

Montessori is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adolescence.

Unique Aspects of Montessori

Freedom Within Limits

The Montessori classroom balances freedom with responsibility.

The Prepared Environment

The Montessori classroom is warm, inviting, aesthetically pleasing and student-focused.

Multi-age Classrooms

The multi-aged groupings provide opportunities for broad social development and meaningful friendships which are often lifelong.



**Richmond
Montessori
School** a world of difference

The RMS toddler program lays the **foundation** for:

Confidence in oneself and ability

Development of the will and the ability to make choices

Respect for oneself and others

Coordination

Concentration

Order and development of organizational skills

Self and community responsibility

The ability to classify, sequence, and discriminate based on color, shape, size

Independence

LANGUAGE ARTS

Development of oral language skills

Development of give and take conversation

Vocabulary enrichment

Listening skills: songs, poetry, nursery rhymes, books, fingerplays

Development of a love of stories and books

PRACTICAL LIFE

Grace and courtesy: please and thank you, introductions and greetings, taking turns, how and when to interrupt, table manners

Hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills: pouring, spooning, scooping, tweezing, use of puzzles and other manipulatives, sorting

Care of self: toileting, handwashing, hanging up coat, dressing frames, blowing nose, wiping face, food preparation

Care of the environment: care of plants, dusting, sweeping, mopping, dishwashing, window washing, polishing

MOVEMENT

Develop gross motor skills: walking up and down stairs, crawling through tunnel, maximum effort work like pulling, pushing and carrying heavy objects, dancing

Develop balance using balancing activities: beams, stairs, boards, pads

Develop hand-eye coordination using balls, scarves, hoops, and bean bags

ART

Use of materials such as paint, watercolors, crayons, chalk

Correct use of scissors

Gluing

Large easel painting

MUSIC

Introduction to instruments and their names

Songs

Movement and rhythm

Steady beat

SPANISH

Introduction to songs in Spanish

Greetings

Naming objects and places in Spanish

Identification of foods, animals, colors in Spanish

Introduction to counting in Spanish