



When a child leaves Pathfinder, school will be perceived as only one of the places that people go to in order to learn. He or she will realize that all of life is “a school,” where learning is simply part of being human—that the purpose of expanding one’s knowledge about the world in which one lives is to enhance one’s prospects for a full and happy life. The enrichment that follows is the reward received for choosing to live life consciously. It is our hope that our students will come to see their lives as a canvas they are to paint, and that discovery, understanding and creativity are the primary colors on the palette.

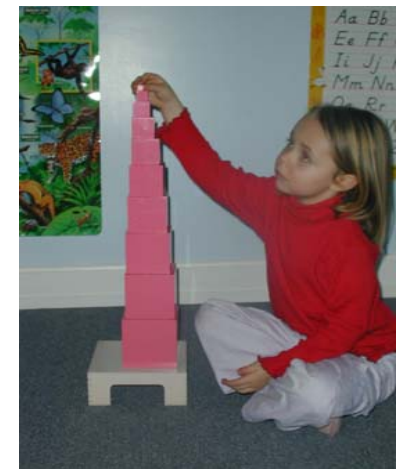
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Preparing Children for Life

**A Montessori school
serving children
from ages 3 to 14**



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Maria Montessori was the educational pioneer who devoted her life to understanding the human psyche as it relates to learning. Our intention at Pathfinder is to take the marvelous work of Maria Montessori, expand on it, and find new and interesting ways to implement these principles for the children for our changing times and culture. Our ultimate goal is to foster a deep-rooted sense of the natural role that learning plays in the lives of humans, and to forever dispel the notion that learning is a necessary evil to be endured by children until they are old enough to quit doing it.



The teacher in a Montessori classroom acts as a guide in helping each child make “right” choices in both academic and social realms. By creating an environment that has “freedom within limits,” independent thinking and self-motivation are fostered. At the same time, carefully chosen limits encourage focus and ensure an integrated curriculum is covered.

Key Components of a Montessori Classroom:

[A HANDS-ON APPROACH](#)

Presents knowledge in a concrete manner and moves children towards an abstract understanding

[MULTI-SENSORY MATERIALS](#)

Activate and refine the senses as students interact with them

[MULTIAGE CLASSROOMS](#)

Allow younger children to learn from older students who act as mentors

[A RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT](#)

Nurtures grace, courtesy and a deeper respect for the individuals in the class



“Dr. Montessori characterized the 3 to 6 year-old as possessing an extraordinary capacity, the ability to absorb information from his or her surroundings. The child from 3 to 6 is a sensorial explorer soaking up every aspect of the environment, including language and culture.”

American Montessori Society



Freedom of movement, open work spaces, and uninterrupted blocks of time for individual and group projects all help to support the needs of children from 6 to 12.



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We encourage parents to set up an appointment to observe the classes while in progress. Please call for more information.