MIDWEST CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Mission Statement

To empower children:

- To grow in their understanding of the Christian faith
- To strive for academic excellence through the Montessori Method
- To reach out an serve the community as Christ has called us to do

An Introduction To Our School

Midwest Christian Montessori Academy is a school which serves children in Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary. Our goal is to provide a Christian environment coupled with the Montessori Method of learning which allows for the spiritual, educational, physical and developmental growth of our students.

Midwest Christian Montessori Academy is a not-for-profit, board-run school employing Montessori certified and non-certified staff with extensive experience. We are registered as a private school with the Illinois State Board of Education and comply with state and local standards of health and fire safety.

Our school offers a unique combination of a Christian education partnered with the Montessori Method of learning. As Christian teachers, we strive to give the children a firm foundation in the Bible, familiarizing them with God's word through scripture memorization, stories, songs and drama. We do not teach any particular doctrine but rather basic Christian values, interwoven into the fabric of the children's daily experience.

As Montessori teachers we strive to give the children a firm academic foundation. The Montessori Method of education, which was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in the early 1900's, is based on the theory that the young child's mind is like a sponge which can absorb learning from the surrounding environment. This method builds upon the fact that the years from 3-6 are the foundational years of learning. Children of all ages learn best through individual hands-on learning experiences in an environment where they are free to learn and develop at their own pace. This promotes a love of learning and establishes the foundation for further study of language, math and the sciences in the elementary years.

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EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING THE WHOLE CHILD... SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

The Montessori curriculum revolves around a three-year cycle. Classrooms are grouped in the following communities:

Preschool/Kindergarten	3 to 6 year olds
Lower Elementary	6 to 9 year olds
Upper Elementary	9 to 12 year olds

While younger students learn skills at their own level, they also absorb other aspects of the classroom. Older children further develop their leadership skills while mastering their academics. The children have equal opportunities for independent study as well as shared lessons and activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or schedule an appointment to visit our school. We encourage you to visit with your child so you may both have the opportunity to see our classes in progress and decide whether you would like to be a part of Midwest Christian Montessori Academy.

Eileen Contos Director

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Midwest Christian Montessori Academy admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me. Psalm 119:105

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