



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2026/2027 school year at Montessori Village Green! We are excited that you have selected our school for your child's educational journey. I'd like to take a moment to share some details about our program to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Our team looks forward to collaborating with you and providing resources and information about the Montessori philosophy, as well as supporting your child's meaningful work!

Montessori Village Green is dedicated to fostering the growth of the whole child. The Montessori Philosophy builds a foundation of self-respect, appreciation for each child's uniqueness, and recognition of dignity in all individuals. Our staff exemplifies kindness, peacefulness, compassion, empathy, responsibility, and courage. Our classrooms provide a nurturing and supportive environment with multi-age groupings and hands-on learning experiences. Each shelf is thoughtfully organized to encourage independence, focus, and coordination. Teachers present lessons to children individually or in small groups, ensuring that each child progresses at their own pace. All lessons are carefully sequenced, moving from concrete concepts to abstract thinking. The Montessori work cycle has seven key areas.

Practical Life: Children begin to develop fine motor skills while learning how to care for themselves, others, and their environment. They also enhance hand-eye coordination and concentration.

Sensorial: The Sensorial materials help children refine their perception, improve focused observation, and develop skills in fine discrimination and classification. These abilities are essential in fostering a child's sense of logic, concentration, coordination, order, and independence.

Language: The language area encompasses the development of oral language, writing, reading, and creative expression. Our goal is to nurture a child's love of reading while fostering the skills necessary for effective self-expression.

Mathematics: Maria Montessori designed materials with precision, allowing children to learn multiple concepts through hands-on activities. Each new math concept is introduced in a way that progresses from concrete to abstract, ensuring a solid understanding. A child masters one math skill before moving on to the next, fostering confidence and a strong mathematical foundation.

Cultural/Geography: The Montessori cultural and geography area provides children with the opportunity to explore the entire world. As they study each continent, they learn about its people, flags, and way of life while embracing diverse cultures and celebrations. Additionally, children develop mapping skills and explore the music, art, and history of each region, fostering a deep appreciation for global diversity.

Art: In this area, children are encouraged to express themselves through various modalities, fostering focus, fine motor skills, and creative expression. Each month, our school highlights a different artist, allowing children to learn about their life and work. Inspired by the artist, they then create their own artwork to display and take home, nurturing both appreciation and creativity.



Science: The science area encourages hands-on exploration through experimentation and the study of plant and animal life. Children learn about classification, as well as the parts of plants and animals. Gardening is a key focus, with each child participating in the plant life cycle by planting their own seeds to contribute to our community garden. Our rain barrels collect water for the gardens, promoting self-sufficiency and environmental responsibility.

New Families:

Our program consists of four mixed-age preschool/VPK classrooms, each led by a dedicated lead teacher and an assistant teacher. Our educators strive to support each child's individual needs within the classroom environment. While we are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning space, we are unable to provide one-on-one guidance, as we do not have paraprofessionals on staff. If your child requires additional support, we can connect you with outside resources upon request.

For the safety and well-being of all students, children exhibiting extreme behaviors that significantly disrupt learning or pose a risk to others may not be able to attend. If you have any questions regarding our policies, please reach out to me directly.

Updated Policies and Procedures:

As we begin a new school year, we want to share an important update to our dismissal procedures to help ensure a safe and efficient dismissal for all students. **Monday through Thursday, student dismissal will begin at 3:15 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.** Dismissal will conclude at 3:30 p.m. **Friday dismissal begins at 2:15 p.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m.**

To help our dismissal run smoothly, please **do not arrive before 3:10 p.m.** OCS dismisses students until that time, and arriving early may result in being directed to continue through the car loop until their dismissal is complete. Early arrivals can also create delays in the dismissal process for everyone.

If you have children at both schools, please wait until the **end of the OCS car loop** to pick up your older student, then proceed to the front parking lot to park and pick up your younger student. Please note that the rope providing access to the front parking lot will not be lowered until **3:10 p.m.** We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and cooperation as we implement these updated procedures.

I look forward to partnering with each of you and supporting your child's educational journey.

In partnership,
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