

Montessori Explained

There are many childcare and preschool options in Minnesota. For some parents, it is just a place where their child is safe and looked after while they are at work. But some demand more. Justifiably so.

This is an era of information technology. The days when the child who memorized the most number of letters, tables and names was considered smarter, are gone. Leave alone leadership, the very survival in today's world depends on how creatively you could use your skills and knowledge. At Radiant, your child does not simply focus on knowledge, but acquires the skills to learn well the subjects of his or her choice. Yes, we teach our children to develop a lifelong love of learning.

If you are a parent who cares for your child's intellectual growth, you are looking at the right place. Radiant caters to those parents who want more than just childcare. More than just a safe place until they pick up the child after work. Radiant offers a safe place for your child to spend the day engaged in meaningful, creative and stimulating activities.

In the early 1900's, an Italian educator and physician named Dr. Maria Montessori developed a unique method of education—Montessori Method. It is based on an independent style of learning. The Montessori Method is a sensory based education method in which the adults guide the child and the child learns through specially designed materials.



Montessori education offers a self-directed individual learning approach. In other words, the child is free to roam about the environment and choose materials of interest to him or her. The materials are designed to keep the child challenged at many different levels.

By using this “self-directed” individual learning approach, Montessori students are able to teach themselves through critical interaction in a prepared environment. The Montessori materials connect tasks that gradually require higher levels of cognitive thought. The Montessori Method nurtures a task-oriented child who is intrinsically motivated to master these challenging tasks.



The materials themselves are designed with the child's senses in mind. We are connected to our surrounding environment by our senses. These senses go far beyond what we normally think of as our senses or what we use them on a daily basis. Montessori materials designed around our senses of sight, sound, smell, and touch. In a typical Montessori classroom, the guides inspire the children through one-on-one and also in small groups. When the children are not involved in lessons, they work at their own pace on activities they have chosen and have been presented to. A typical Montessori classroom is buzzing with steady activity. You may see some children working as teams, some children working independently and older children helping the younger children while the Guide (Teacher)

presents to small groups in a conference or observes and records the flow of work in the room.

In short, the Montessori education provides the child with a solid foundation of learning that will carry them well into the future. Montessori education offers a lifelong learning experience that will provide a strong foundation. An education that will set the child on a fascinating journey.

Let your child walk out of Radiant Montessori with a life-long love of learning. Give your child the opportunity to step into the future with confidence. We will make sure that your confidence in Radiant was well placed.