

OUR MISSION...

is to provide a quality nurturing and caring environment, personalized to the needs of each child.

We Offer

- A safe and nurturing environment.
- Michigan Montessori program certified staff, skilled educators who are talented in meeting the individual needs of each learner.
- Integrated Montessori curriculum including areas of exploration.
- Diverse Montessori materials to support learning.
- Social environment which supports each individual learner's unique development.
- Outstanding facility includes a school library, gymnasiums, auditorium, and cafeteria.
- Quality, licensed programs. For fee based programs, FIA is accepted. Parents are responsible for fees not covered by FIA.

Activities

Activities in the Montessori Program are designed to be flexible enough to address each child's individual developmental needs. They promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation. The holistic curriculum allows the child to experience the joy of learning.

Who is Eligible

- All public, private, and parochial students are welcome. There is no Traverse City Area Public Schools' residency requirement.
- Children need to be 3 years of age and older, and meet all State of Michigan immunization and health regulations.

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For More Information...

regarding program location, hours, staff, curriculum, etc., please contact:

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TCAPS
Traverse City Area Public Schools

Traverse City Area Public Schools Primary Montessori Program



Mission Statement

The mission of Traverse City Area Public Schools is to ensure successful academic achievement for all students.

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PRIMARY MONTESSORI

The Primary Montessori Program is available for children age 3 years - 5 years. Montessori methods of education are used in the goal of helping children to develop character, skills, and independent learning. Choose a morning or afternoon option.

THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM

There are seven major areas in the primary Montessori classroom: Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math Geography, Science and Art.

- **Practical Life** is the foundation of the classroom. In this critical area children experience lessons in everything from properly opening the door, to preparing snacks and washing dishes. They practice these exercises willingly because the activities are connected to everything people do in everyday life.
- The **Sensorial** area invites children to use their senses to master their learning. There are activities where the children develop and refine the five senses.
- The **Language** area consists of activities based around early language (for example matching pictures to objects, categorizing and rhyming) to advance activities of reading, writing and early grammar.
- In the **Math** area, children explore numbers in a very hands-on method. Montessori Math materials allow the children to learn about numbers and their quantities. The children use manipulatives long before they see the number in a written form, to do everything from counting to adding complex numbers.
- The **Geography** area allows the children to learn about landforms, continents, countries and states.
- The **Science** area includes first experiments in such topics as light, water and friction. We also study Science units such as living vs. non-living, seasons and weather.
- The **Art** area explores the many different medias of art. We begin with simple activities on using crayons to create different types of lines and move towards more elaborate activities such as stamping and rubbing.

THE PREPARED ENVIRONMENT:

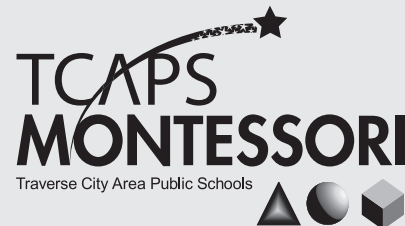
In order for the classroom to be successful, it is extremely important that the child understands the significance of the prepared environment. The prepared environment is the directress' essential teaching tool. It is an environment that is constructed with much diligence and concentration, to ensure that the child will have a successful experience with the material. It shows that everything has a proper space and a proper way of presenting itself. It is also an attractive, beautiful environment, one that the children respect and are fascinated by. Maria explains the environment further in, *The Advanced Montessori Method*,

CYCLE OF ACTIVITY

In order for one to have a clear image of what the child does in the classroom, it is necessary to discuss the cycle of activity. The cycle of activity consists of four steps:

1. Choosing a work
2. Choosing a work space
3. Completing the work
4. Cleaning-up the work and workspace (making it beautiful and ready for the next person).

It is important that the child completes and understands the cycle of activity. This will later help the child accomplish more advanced work and build a deeper level of concentration.



PRIMARY PROGRAM

This exciting, half-day Preschool/Kindergarten Program (ages 3-5) provides children with an integrated curriculum, based on the highly acclaimed Montessori Program.

*PROGRAM HOURS

Morning or afternoon sessions available
September - June

Central Grade

Morning	8:15 - 11:22 a.m.
Afternoon	12:02 - 3:08 p.m.

*FEES

\$3350 per year (based on 10 months) for preschool children ages 3-5.

No fee for Kindergarten students, costs are covered by Michigan Department of Education as a regular school program

*REGISTRATION

\$100.00 (\$50.00 non-refundable,
\$50.00 toward first tuition payment)

PROGRAM LOCATION

Central Grade School
301 West Seventh Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

Brian Klauer, TCAPS Montessori Director
(231) 933-5607

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ENRICHMENT/EXTENDED DAY

This optional, half-day Enrichment/Extended Program provides students additional Montessori learning opportunities, for children ages 3-5.

*PROGRAM HOURS

Afternoon sessions available
September - June

Central Grade

Morning	8:15 - 11:22 a.m.
Afternoon	12:02 - 3:08 p.m.

*FEES

\$20.00 per half-day session

*REGISTRATION

\$25.00 non-refundable deposit

*prices and times may fluctuate, please call to confirm