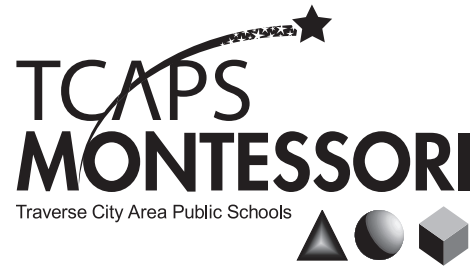


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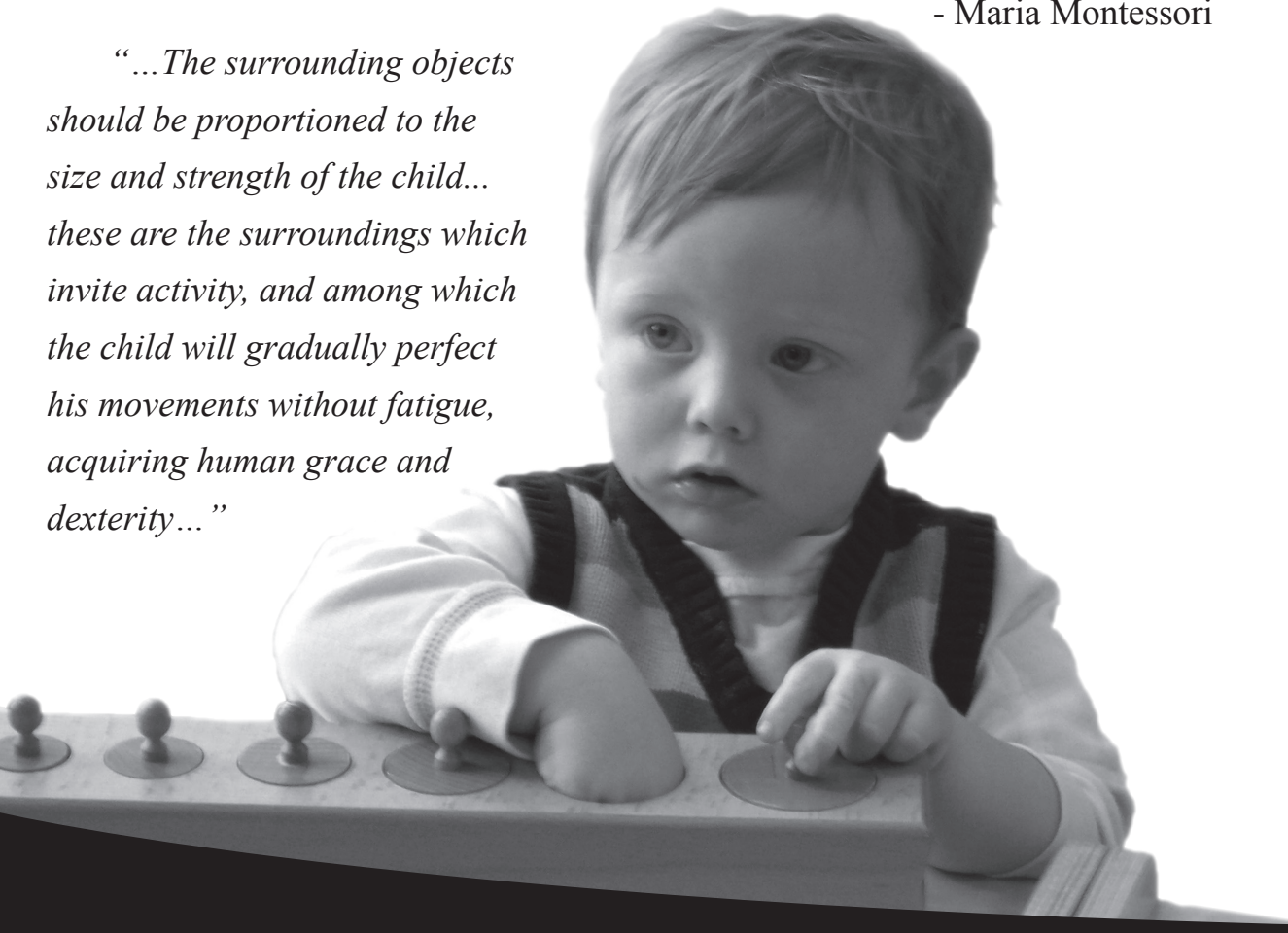
is to provide a quality nurturing and caring environment, personalized to the needs of each child.



"The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six."

- Maria Montessori

"...The surrounding objects should be proportioned to the size and strength of the child... these are the surroundings which invite activity, and among which the child will gradually perfect his movements without fatigue, acquiring human grace and dexterity..."



For More Information...

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

Traverse City
Area Public Schools
412 Webster Street
(231) 933-1712



on the web at: www.tcaps.net
or on Charter Cable: Channel 98



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Traverse City Area Public Schools Toddler Montessori Program



Mission Statement

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

TODDLER MONTESSORI PROGRAM

THE MONTESSORI METHOD

The Montessori approach envisions education as “an aid to life.” Montessori is both a philosophy of child development and an educational approach, which respects each child’s unique personality. The core principles are drawn from the natural development of the child and designed to help each child with their task of inner construction. The method allows for modification to the needs of the individual, regardless of the level of ability, learning style, or social maturity. The focus of Montessori education continually changes in scope and manner to meet the child’s changing needs and interests.

PROGRAM GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- An emphasis on cognitive structures and social development.
- Teacher's role is unobtrusive; child actively participates in learning.
- Environment and methods encourage internal self-discipline.
- Individual and group instruction adapts to each student's learning style.
- Mixed age group.
- Children are encouraged to teach, collaborate with, and help each other.
- Child chooses own work from interest and abilities.
- Child formulates concepts from self-teaching materials.
- Child works as long as she/he wants on chosen projects.
- Child sets own learning pace to internalize information.
- Child corrects own errors through feedback from material.
- Learning is reinforced internally through child's own repetition of activity, and feelings of success.
- Multi-sensory materials for physical exploration and development.
- Organized program for learning care of self and environment.
- Child can work where he/she is comfortable, moves and talks at will (yet does not disturb others); group work is voluntary and negotiable.
- Organized program to help parents to understand the Montessori philosophy and participate in the learning process.

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 18 months of age and older, and meet all State of Michigan immunization and health regulations.

*PROGRAM HOURS

Morning or afternoon sessions available*
September - June

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

*REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

\$50.00 registration fee
non-refundable if parent drops child from program

Registration Form
Copy of Birth Certificate
Copy of updated Immunization Record
Health Form
Child Information Card

*FEE

Half-day\$28.00
Full-day\$47.00

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.

WE OFFER

- Safe and nurturing environment in school setting.
- Trained Montessori program 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.
- Payment Schedule (see pre-school flyer)

The Toddler Montessori Program is available for children age 18 months - 36 months. Montessori methods of education are used in the goal of helping children to develop character, skills, and education. Choose the half-day or full day option.

**prices and times may fluctuate, please call to confirm*

