Choosing the right preschool program for your child is one of the most important decisions you’ll ever make. What is the Montessori education system? Founder, Dr. Maria Montessori, explained “Education is not something which the teacher does, but a natural process which develops spontaneously in each human being.” When you enroll your child in our Montessori school, you’re not only sending them off to learn, you’re helping them to build self-confidence and achieve a passion for learning. At Little One’s Montessori our teachers and assistants are Montessori trained. Our curriculum is designed to build a strong academic foundation while nurturing your child’s social, emotional, physical and moral development. This approach encourages your child’s independence, self-motivation and decision-making skills, helping them to become confident leaders and develops critical skills for success.

**Why Montessori?**

Introducing your child to Montessori at a young age puts them on the right path to becoming a confident, self-motivated learner. Dr. Maria Montessori designed a step-by-step learning method that will help your child grow their motor skills, self-confidence, cognitive development, social development, care of the person and care of the environment, grace & courtesy, manners, and most importantly their independence. In Montessori Education, especially with young children, being independent and absorbed in the learning experience is everything.
“To have learned something for the child is only a point of departure. When he has learned the meaning of an exercise, then he begins to enjoy repeating it, and he does repeat it an infinite number of times, with the most evident satisfaction.”

The Montessori Method, p. 357

**Every Child Is Unique and a Key Area of Focus**

In a Montessori environment, every child is unique and by teaching children Cosmic Education, the child will appreciate and understand the work better. Cosmic Education starts with the whole and works toward the parts, giving the child a foundation of perspective. Within the big picture of the universe, everything the child learns is connected. Practical Life is the backbone and the foundation of a Montessori classroom. It provides a foundation for a child’s academic growth. A child learns to concentrate, control muscles, analyze, follow a sequence, and complete a cycle of activity. This is the foundation for mental and physical work in all the areas and throughout life. Such as the great lesson’s, Practical Life lessons are connected to build a child’s academic growth. The great lessons are presented with excitement and designed to awake the child’s imagination and curiosity. These exercises of Practical Life represent conscious, concentrated activity with intelligent purpose. They are designed to teach the child specific practical living skills. Skills for caring for their own needs, skills for taking care of their physical environment and community, skills for respectful and responsible communication with others in their lives.

**Sensorial**
The lessons and materials serve as a scientific guide for the child to clarify, catalogue and classify. Through the process of exploration, the child educates their senses. Sensation and stimulation occur as the child interacts with the materials. Materials are designed to invite and encourage the child to manipulate and investigate their environment. Through manipulation and repetition, the child develops a lasting impression, a motor memory, of the qualities in the material. The child will eventually transfer this new knowledge to the larger environment, noticing and comparing the various qualities around the child.

Math

Maria Montessori believed that children can absorb mathematical concepts naturally. The more concrete math materials that a child is introduced to results in more correspondence displayed by the child. A child’s mind is mathematical and based on the order and awareness found in the development of the senses. Mathematical principals are developing logically from concrete to abstract and simple to complex. The child who has experienced basic concepts involved with practical life and sensorial materials will progress naturally to the beginning math materials. A child is always eager to learn and is fascinated by math. Dr. Montessori made math fun and while the child is having fun they are not even aware that they are absorbing it all and learning from it.

Language

A child’s ability to produce language often surpasses motor development but through the power of the absorbent mind the child can take in everything. Not only is language development very important, but cognitive development is crucial at this time of age. They will learn color recognition and be able to identify basic colors like orange, red, yellow, blue, purple, black, brown,
green and white. Color recognition is separated into three parts: naming, matching and identification. After color recognition, the child will understand the concept of numbers and showing cognitive development like “bigger” and “smaller” or “longest” and “shortest” or “more” and “less”. The Montessori Method of education offers a unique educational approach that acts as an “aid to life”. Children are naturally eager for knowledge and want to explore language with a passion. In Montessori, written language is experienced through materials that revolve around four areas: Pre-reading, Matching, Word Recognition, and Pre-writing.

**Music**

Music is an important part of Montessori education. Music is so rich in terms of history, culture and the effect it can have on our minds and body.

> “Music can touch us in a way that nothing else can. No better gift can we give to the children than to open this door for them.”
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> – Dr Montessori

**Visual Arts**

Visual Arts teaches creativity, problem solving, and self expression as it relates to each child’s level of development. Your child learns best through exploration of different materials.

Give your child the best start possible with Little One’s Montessori where we are shaping the young minds of today to benefit the world of tomorrow.