



Montessori  
School of  
Middleburg

# Montessori School of Middleburg Elementary Program

## BEAUTIFUL MINDS BUILD A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

For over 35 years, Montessori School of Middleburg has fostered independence and the love of learning in children age 2 ½ through 6 years old.

As early as the Fall of 2010, our Primary AMI Accredited Environment hopes to expand to offer a Montessori Elementary Program. The Elementary Program will provide a continuation of the

## GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION

An AMI Montessori education assists children to develop to their full human potential by helping them “learn how to think.”

What do thinking children do when they grow up? They become successful, accomplished adults contributing to a better world.

Some of the most famous entrepreneurs and innovators of today have actively credited their success to the education they received in a Montessori classroom.

Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com  
Sergey Brin and Larry Page, co-founders of Google  
Will Wright, designer of The Sims video games  
Anne Frank, renowned World War II diarist  
Katherine Graham, owner-editor of The Washington Post  
Sean “P. Diddy” Combs, rapper and CEO of Bad Boy Records  
Julia Child, first world-famous television chef  
Prince William and Prince Harry, sons of Charles, Prince of Wales  
Helen Hunt, Academy Award-winning actress  
George Clooney, Academy Award-winning actor  
Chelsea Clinton, Daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton  
Joshua Bell, American violinist  
Lea Salonga, multi-awarded singer and Broadway actress  
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and more....

Montessori education, fostering leadership, responsibility, discipline, independence, and fundamental academics in a way that is unmatched in any other school setting.

We invite you to take some time to learn more about this wonderful opportunity for our children.

*If you ever asked yourself what you really wanted for your child’s learning experience and had these thoughts.....*

*A teacher guiding,*

*A child observing, exploring, discovering on her own,*

*An uninterrupted flow of thought, creativity, and activity,*

*A spark... followed by pure joy.*

*This is the Montessori moment. It is a learning moment: when a student moves from confusion to elation. Sometimes the moment can be so subtle that you might not even see it unless you’re watching very closely. But however tiny the moment may be, its impact is huge.*

*Children are ready for these moments every day, every hour, every minute.*

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## Frequently Asked Questions about Montessori Elementary Education

### What would I expect to see in a Montessori Elementary Classroom?

Walking into a Montessori elementary classroom one would observe several different learning opportunities happening concurrently in a mixed age class. There might be a small group researching a science project, an older student working with a younger student, a teacher leading a group lesson about geography while also observing the rest of the class, and several individual students reading. This is an example of independent, self-directed learning. Montessori teachers strive to challenge each student according to his or her developmental needs and abilities and to inspire the student to reach his or her potential. This Elementary environment will have one trained AMI Montessori directress and one assistant. The class will consist of children older than 6 and will be a mixed age class in the same way as the Primary.

### How new is this method of education?

Montessori Education has been in existence for over 100 years. Today, Montessori schools are found worldwide, serving children from birth through adolescence. In the United States, there are more than 4,000 private Montessori schools and more than 200 public schools with Montessori-styled programs. The [Association Montessori Internationale](#) (AMI), founded by Maria Montessori in 1929, maintains Montessori educational principles and disseminates Montessori education throughout the world.

### What are the advantages to the Montessori Elementary classroom setting?

In a mixed age class, children can always find peers who are working at their current level on a given task. To accommodate the needs of individual learners, Montessori classrooms create a highly enriched learning environment by including curriculum to cover the entire span of interests and abilities up through the oldest and most accelerated students in the class. The Montessori curriculum is built around the five great lessons given at the beginning of each year: creation of earth, coming of plants and animals, the arrival of humans, language, math and invention. Lessons are designed using stories, music, impressionistic charts, experiments, and games. The Montessori curriculum includes the integrated study of geography, biology, history, language, mathematics, science, music, art, and physical education.

### Are all Montessori Elementary Schools alike?

No, Montessori schools vary widely because the name "Montessori" is in the public domain. This means that anyone wishing to use the name "Montessori" for their school may do so. The best way to insure that a program is faithfully incorporating the Montessori approach as developed by Maria Montessori is to ask if the school or program and teachers are affiliated with AMI.

### Would my child have difficulty transitioning to a public or private school after Montessori?

The habits and skills a child develops in a Montessori class last a lifetime and stand a child in good stead no matter where they go. Montessori children tend to be adaptable, working well alone or with a group. They have solid decision-making skills, practical problem solving abilities, and generally manage their time well. Since children in a Montessori classroom are also encouraged to share ideas and discuss their work, fitting into new situations is made easier thanks to good communication skills.

### Are Montessori educated children prepared for state mandated exams?

Yes, children in Montessori programs are required to meet state regulations. It is the responsibility of the teacher to insure students are prepared to take tests.

The Montessori Elementary, in the same way as the Primary, is designed in three year cycles. Maria Montessori used scientific observations to clearly designate planes of development. Children all over the world grow in this same way. This educational method is designed around those stages rather than grades. Over the course of the three year cycles in Montessori Environments children are observed and followed and allowed to grow and develop at their own pace to achieve each step of the way. The mixed age class allows for all children to find peers and challenges in all areas of growth, academic, social, emotional, etc. throughout each day, allowing the directress to meet the children where they are. Therefore, most children in a Montessori Environment far exceed the state mandated criteria.

For further resources about Montessori Elementary Education:

[www.amiusa.org](http://www.amiusa.org)

[www.montessori-namta.org/NAMTA](http://www.montessori-namta.org/NAMTA)

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