

## *The Child-Centered Approach*

*Our educational philosophy integrates Montessori methods and early childhood principles to address the needs of the individual child*

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*“Our aim is not merely to make the child understand but to also touch his imagination and to enthuse his innermost core”*

*-Dr. Maria Montessori*

## *The Whole Child Approach*

Dr. Maria Montessori believed in placing the child at the center of learning and encouraging growth through the freedom of a prepared environment. At this point children are in a crucial developmental stage and absorb information at a rapid rate. Social, emotional and cognitive skills develop along with interest in mathematics, language, science and other academic fundamentals.

Liberty Montessori Schools provide your child with age appropriate classroom environments. By applying the proven effective tools and guidance, we assist your child's transition from one level of challenges to the next.



Our primary goal at Liberty Montessori Schools is to help young children reach their full potential in all areas of life: social skills, emotional growth, physical coordination and cognitive preparation. Our comprehensive curriculum fosters growth, develops your child's aptitude for inquiry and enables each child to experience the joy of learning.

Students also receive basic Japanese, Spanish and French language lessons combined with international cultural programs to promote a comprehensive understanding of the world. Lessons are reinforced with songs, music, stories, movement and personal interaction with our culturally diverse staff and students. Poetry, Mathematics, Reading, English Language, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Health, Physical education, and Technology are taught with hands-on, state-of-the-art materials to amplify concepts and stimulate the capacity of the students' imagination.

Dr. Maria Montessori believed that with a general understanding of advanced curriculum, children are inspired to embrace the challenges that are inevitably part of life.

## *Toddler Program*

*(1 1/2 to 3 years, 5 - 1 child/teacher ratio)*



One of our goals in the Toddler Program is to assist the healthy separation of a child from his/her parents. A toddler is considered a "child in transition", and is still very new to the world of sights, sounds, and movements. As the child experiences separation, he/she requires the cooperation of both parent and teacher to achieve independence and freedom. Toddlers attain their social skills by developing a sense of belonging to a group while learning to process information, acquire flexibility and accept logical limits and support.

In a prepared, open classroom children grow from rudimentary stages of exploration to subsequent mastery of various skills. A didactic material specially designed for this purpose assists each activity. Freedom to explore in a professionally prepared environment stimulates toddler development. This environment also promotes the development of agility and rhythm. Each child's needs are carefully evaluated prior to preparing the classroom area and routines according to the curriculum. Toddlers are encouraged to function as independently as possible for them to reach the optimum stage of development.

The specially designed Montessori and Early Childhood materials used in the Toddler Program have been created to improve the toddler's cognitive process, fine and large motor coordination, dexterity, perceptual abilities, sensorial experiences, language, speech, reading, writing and communication skills.

To make the Toddler Program more enriching and wholesome, we have incorporated Multi-Cultural activities and basic language lessons in French, Japanese and Spanish while English is the primary spoken language.

## *Pre-School Program & "Challenger" Program for Advanced Students*

*(3 1/2 to 5 1/2 years)*

Our students are exposed to a rich experience that cultivates curiosity and creativity at a higher level to challenge the advanced learner. Our Montessori Pre-school & "Challenger" programs help to stimulate each child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs in a pleasant classroom environment, which is also conducive for achieving a positive learning experience and laying a solid educational foundation. At Liberty, each child is able to progress at his/her own pace in a nurturing, non-competitive, non-threatening atmosphere.

Through well-organized Practical Life exercises, children develop control of movement, coordination, concentration, sense of order and independence. The Sensorial materials used in our classrooms have been designed to develop concentration and self discipline, broaden attention span and assist in muscular coordination. Refinement of these skills is crucial for gaining the ability to successfully complete a cycle of activity and sharpen children's powers of inquiry.

Our Montessori classrooms offer an integrated program, which includes writing, reading, science, math, geography and the arts. Children are actively involved in their own learning throughout the curriculum. Math materials in the classrooms increase children's critical thinking skill and problem solving ability, which help them make their own abstractions and develop an understanding of concepts, aesthetics and the logic of mathematics. Language development is encouraged through freedom of conversation. Various books, games, matching pictures and tracing materials are provided to reinforce reading and writing skills. In science, experiments and hands on projects encourage students to explore and investigate on a regular basis. To promote creativity in art, our students are given opportunities to experiment with different forms of expression in collage, crayons, paints, clay, pastels, and origami. Cultural themes, including dance and traditional art forms are incorporated into monthly activities throughout the school year. These activities enhance the children's listening abilities, refine movement and spatial awareness skills and motivate their interests in international culture.



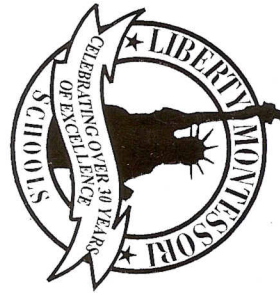
## *Liberty "Challenger" 1 & 2 and K-4 Programs*

The students, who have acquired comprehension of mandatory fundamentals after a nurtured pre-school level experience at Liberty, are now ready for higher academic challenges. We encourage students to observe, inquire and investigate the scientific processes and to gather daily research on topics of interest. Students receive Japanese, Spanish and French language lessons at a greater comprehensive level. Our cultural programs promote a diverse understanding of the world. These themes are enriched through songs, music, stories, movement and the arts. Students receive guidance and learn the essence of teamwork and leadership. The program also emphasizes etiquette and manners that are essential for successful socialization.



Poetry, Math, Reading, English Language, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Health, Physical education, Art appreciation and Technology are taught with state-of-the-art materials to enhance concepts and expand the capacity of the students' imagination. We provide opportunities for children to strengthen their awareness of "cause and effect" through hands on experiments and scientific explanation as to how and why things function on our planet and in the universe. Eco-systems in the classrooms help the children understand and observe the evolution of living organisms that sustain the earth's atmosphere thus fostering environmental responsibility. Music, movement, dance and fine arts are important elements that help to formulate rhythm and rhyme. These elements stimulate creativity, eye-hand coordination and memory. Students are introduced to art and music history intended to nurture their appreciation of artists and their contribution to our world. The Montessori approach encourages children to choose their own interests. Each individual has the innate ability to focus on what comes naturally. Our teachers and specialists recognize the talents of each individual child and facilitate their growth. Our aim is to accentuate the positive while helping the students to develop their own talents and skills.

## *Over 39 Years of Achievement*



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Dear Parents,

We at Liberty Montessori Schools realize how very important these early years are for learning. In our supportive and encouraging atmosphere, each child is free to inquire, discover and learn.

The qualified and sensitive teachers of Liberty create a stimulating and safe environment for your child. Our "home away from home" setting inspires individuality, creativity, and spontaneity.

Liberty Schools are located in quiet, residential neighborhoods. This atmosphere gives the child a nurturing and secure environment. Our outdoor playgrounds are fully equipped for fun, exercise and team endeavors.

Operating under the federal and state guidelines, we have been serving the community for over 34 years. Government Office and national media have formally cited our schools for excellence.

We work closely with parents and children to share and enjoy cultural experiences, which give global vistas to broaden horizons and open windows of understanding and respect.

I welcome your interest and am pleased to invite you, and your child to share a day with us and experience our world.

Sincerely

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