

## Education for Life

One of the most fundamental choices we make as parents is the choice of our child's education. Whether you are at the stage of choosing a first Preschool for your little one, or you have a child who is already in the school system but is not thriving, it is worth looking into the Montessori Method of Education as a viable option for your child's education.

Research has found that the benefits of a Montessori Education are numerous!

One of the main goals of Montessori is to provide a stimulating, child oriented environment where students can explore, touch and learn using uniquely designed materials. At Beyond Montessori School, our Accredited Montessori Faculty deliver customized education for each child. Our students are not expected to conform to set standards of achievement as in conventional schools, but are encouraged to progress in their own unique way and discover their natural self. Montessori teachers recognize that each child learns at his or her own pace, with individual learning styles, talents and needs. An obvious benefit is that your child can work toward achieving his or her own potential in any subject area. No child is held back to wait for the rest of the class or prematurely pushed ahead, resulting in frustration while trying to keep up with classmates. There is total freedom to learn which makes learning enjoyable.

While a Montessori Education results in higher levels of excellence in academia, students also enjoy longterm social and emotional benefits.

Children learn to respect themselves, respect each other and their environment, as well as developing an understanding of the importance of peace. Learning how to work and play together with others in a peaceful and caring community is one of the most important life skills that we can impart to our children. Each classroom at Beyond Montessori School is set-up with a "peace space" where students can resolve interpersonal conflicts in a mature and respectful manner. The school is like an extended family, where the children learn to take care of themselves and each other.

At Beyond Montessori School, our students are encouraged to be curious, to ask questions, to come up with their own solutions and to think outside the box. From demonstrating greater responsibility, independence and self-confidence, to a deeper enthusiasm for learning; Montessori children consistently demonstrate exceptional abilities to adjust to new situations and utilize life skills. Later in life these principles and values will continue to serve them well, as is evident with the founders of Google. Larry Page and Sergey Brin, said in an interview with Barbara Walters, that Montessori education allowed them to learn to think for themselves and gave them freedom to pursue their own interests. They credited their years as Montessori students as a major factor behind their success.

A Montessori Education is truly "Education for Life".

Natasha Secord, Head of School

Beyond Montessori School, located downtown St Catharines, is serving the families of Niagara with a Montessori Education for Toddler through Early Elementary. Our Curriculum is enriched with daily French, music, visual arts, phys ed, children's yoga (Zooga), eco workshops, peace projects and so much more.

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