



Moreau Montessori School

A Nonprofit, Non-Discriminatory Preschool and Elementary School
Owned and Operated by the Jefferson City Montessori Society

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school! I am excited to get to know your child and your family. Enclosed please find information on Montessori education, an application for enrollment, contract and tuition prices, list of school supplies, and school year calendar. You will find additional information in the school handbook, as well as on our website www.moreaumontessori.org or on our face book page at facebook.com/moreaumontessorijeffersoncity.

Should you have any questions about our program or would like to speak with our staff, please do not hesitate to call (573) 893-7227 or email us at moreaumontessorischool@embarqmail.com.

We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorie Steele".

Lorie Steele
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MONTESSORI EDUCATION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

“Our aim is not merely to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his inmost core.”

Maria Montessori

What is Montessori?

Montessori is a philosophy with the fundamental tenet that a child learns best within a social environment, which supports each individual's unique development.

How did it begin?

Dr. Maria Montessori, the creator of what is called “The Montessori Method of Education” based this new education on her scientific observations of young children's behavior. As the first woman physician to graduate from the University of Rome, Montessori became involved with education as a doctor treating children labeled as retarded. Then in 1907, she was invited to open a day care center for the children of desperately poor families in the San Lorenzo slums of Rome.

She called it a “Children's House” and based the program on her observations that your children learn best in a homelike setting, filled with developmentally appropriate materials that provide experiences contributing to the growth of self-motivated, independent learners.

Montessori's dynamic theories included such revolutionary premises as:

1. Children are to be respected as different from adults and as individuals who are different from one another.
2. Children create themselves through purposeful activity.
3. The most important years for learning are from birth to age seven.
4. Children possess unusual sensitivity and mental powers for absorbing and learning from their environment, which includes people as well as materials.

What Makes Montessori Education Unique?

1. The “whole child” approach. The primary goal of a Montessori program is to help each child reach full potential on all areas of life. Activities promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation. The holistic curriculum, under the direction of a specially prepared teacher, allows the child to experience the joy of learning. This is the time to enjoy the process and insure the development of self-esteem. Montessori education provides the experiences from which children create their knowledge.

Let's Get Acquainted

Explain the purpose of this page to your child. You read the sentence starter, and your child completes it with his/her own thoughts. Please return this page to the school at your earliest convenience.

My name is: _____

Names and ages of siblings (if applicable): _____

Names and types of pets (if applicable): _____

My favorite place to be is: _____

The thing I like best is: _____

I like stories about: _____

I want to be: _____

When I was little: _____

My favorite television show is: _____

My favorite color is: _____

My favorite food is: _____

The color of my house is: _____

What I did on my summer vacation: _____

My Grandparents names are: _____

I want to learn more about: _____

Name of the school child last attended: _____

Application For Enrollment

Date: _____ Date your child will start: _____

Program Desired: School Year _____ Summer _____

Half Day (8:30 – 11:30): _____ 3 days _____ or 5 days

Full Day (7:30-5:30): _____ 3 days _____ or 5 days

Name of Child: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Father/Guardian's Profession/Business: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Father's Email Address: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____

Mother/Guardian's Profession/Business: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Mother's Email Address: _____

Pediatrician/Family Doctor: _____

Doctor's Phone: _____

State any allergy or other physical condition requiring medication or attention throughout the year: _____

In case of emergency, please list the hospital you would like us to take your child to:

In case of emergency, whom shall we contact if unable to reach parents/guardians? Please list two emergency contact people

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

If separated or divorced and the other parent is not allowed to pick up the child, please indicate on the space below and provide copy of the court order visitation:

Please list names of people authorized to pick up your child:

Signature of Father: _____

Signature of Mother: _____

How did you find out about our school? _____

Hospital Release Form

We give Moreau Montessori School permission to take our child to the hospital in an emergency where such action is deemed urgent by the school. We understand that we will bear financial responsibility for costs incurred.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent _____

Field Trip Authorization

_____ (child's name) may take part in field trips organized by the Moreau Montessori School, under proper supervision. Some field trips i.e. to Lincoln Library or the park may not be pre-planned. We will leave a note on the door telling our exact location. I give permission for my child to travel on the city bus, which may not have seat belts. I release the JCMS from responsibility for accident or injury to my child while in route to and from the school.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent _____

Tylenol Consent Form

_____ (child's name) *may* or *may not* (circle parents choice) receive as needed during school hours Children's Tylenol.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent _____

Insect Spray and Sunscreen Application

_____ (child's name) *may* or *may not* (circle parents choice) have insect spray and sunscreen lotion applied as necessary.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent _____

Photo/Video Release Form

I hereby give permission for images of my child through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purpose of Moreau Montessori School educational and promotional materials and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of Participant (please print) _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

I do not give permission for images of my child through video, photo and digital camera to be used.

Name of Child (please print) _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Moreau Montessori School
900 Moreau Drive Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

This Contract is made the _____ day of _____, year _____, by and between the Jefferson City Montessori Society, Inc., (JCMS), a non-profit corporation, and _____ (Parent's/Guardian's name) for the acceptance of _____ (child's name) for admission to the Preschool/Elementary (circle) Program at Moreau Montessori that is operated by the JCMS, for the _____ academic year.

The JCMS hereby accepts the above named child for admission to the program as stated herein subject to the provisions of this contract.

For and in consideration of acceptance of the above named child for admission to the program as stated herein, I/We, the undersigned do hereby agree:

1. To complete the following forms: annual application for enrollment, health and immunization reports, field trip authorization form and contract.
2. To abide by the rules and regulations in the school handbook and corporation (JCMS) by-laws, and as determined by vote of the Board of Directors.
3. To actively participate in and be a member/members of a standing committee. The standing committees are Helping Hands and Maintenance. Preference for committee assignment shall be indicated in this contract.
4. To provide food items requested for the food preparation activities throughout the academic year.
5. To release the JCMS from responsibility for accident or injury to the enrolled child while he/she is in school or while he/she is in route to or from school, except as shall be covered by the insurance carried by the school.
6. To give permission for the use of images of the child through photo and digital camera pictures, in which the enrolled child may appear, for the purpose of Moreau Montessori School educational and promotional materials and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.
7. To the release of student information, including but not limited to, teacher evaluations prepared for conferences, upon specific authorization of parents or guardians to appropriate authorities.
8. To pay the JCMS tuition in full each month.
9. To support the fundraising activities of the JCMS and its school as an additional financial commitment to the school.
10. To understand that in any situation, the Directress has full discretion and the authority to remove the child from the classroom for the day or from the program immediately with termination of this contract, if she determines such action is necessary.
11. Any monthly tuition or other fee (including assessments) due and not paid by the 10th of the month will result in a \$25 late fee charge per month. Late fees shall be included with

late tuition payments. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may terminate this contract based on overdue tuition payments, after which action the child would not be admitted into school. Outstanding accounts will be turned over to a collection agency or court action will be taken after 30 days. Parents/guardians are responsible for any and all fees charged by the collection agency, attorney's fees, court fees, and costs acquired in addition to their outstanding balance.

12. A \$20 per fifteen (15) minute late fee will be charged for students who are not picked up from school after 11:30 for half day or after 5:30 for full day students. There is no grace period allowed. Late charges will be added to your account each month.
13. Notice of the withdrawal of the child by the parent/guardian shall be in writing, sent to the school address by U.S. mail, and received by the school no later than thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of withdrawal. Failure to give the above described thirty (30) days notice will result in payment due for the thirty days tuition and fees following the date that either notice was made, or the child was withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

If the parents are married, both parents must sign.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the terms of this agreement and that it is my intent to perform the terms of this contract as provided herein.

Father or Guardian

Printed Name: _____ SSN # _____

Signed: _____

Mother or Guardian

Printed Name: _____ SSN # _____

Signed: _____

Moreau Montessori School

Daily Schedule

7:30-8:30	Classroom work time and outdoor playtime
8:30-9:00	Morning group time. Attendance, weather and calendar, Large Group lessons and presentations, Spanish & Sign language
9:00	Hand washing and Snack
9:15-10:45	Individual Work Time Children can choose from any of the classroom areas. Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, math, Science, Zoology, Botany, Geography, art or music.
10:45-11:00	Clean up, individual jobs
11-11:15	Hand washing
11:15-12:00	Lunch Time
12:00-12:30	Outdoor play time (weather permitting) or circle activities
12:00 2:15	Younger students lay down for nap
1:00-1:15	Story Time
1:15-1:30	Afternoon presentation: Language, Math, Writing, Science and Geography and History presentations
1:30-2:4	Individualized work time
2:45-3:00	Clean up, individual jobs , Hand washing and Snack
3:00-4:00	Outdoor play time or Indoor work time
4-5:30	Group games, finger plays, story time and work time in classroom