

## Who Are We?

GREAT BEGINNINGS Montessori School was founded in 1996 and has been affiliated with the American Montessori Society since 2001. We are an independent school that provides a happy and secure, mixed-age environment for children ages 21 months through 12 years. We are conveniently located in the heart of Fairfield, CT, minutes from I-95.

Our programs are based upon the Montessori method. The Montessori curriculum and prepared environment encourage students to fulfill their developmental potential and become independent, self-confident learners.



## Our Programs

**TODDLER:** The Montessori Toddler Community is a caring and respectful environment where a class of up to 8 children work and play together. The classroom is prepared as a “living room” for the young child, facilitating independence, exploration, friendship and cooperation.

**PRIMARY:** Children begin their Primary schooling at the age of 3 and remain for three years with the same teacher and class. Over the 3 years, the child develops a sense of responsibility and belonging. The teacher will guide the child and put him/her in touch with activities that facilitate cognitive, social and spiritual development.



**ELEMENTARY:** The Elementary students use the foundation laid in the Primary years, as students enter the age of reason. Lessons are designed to ignite the children's natural curiosity about the world and their role in it, and appeal to an innate need to understand the how and why of things. The Elementary community is one in which strong friendships are cultivated and a sense of social responsibility is developed through collaborative problem solving.

## Our Schedules

Toddler – 5 days /week 8:45am-11:15am  
Primary – 5 days/week 8:45am-11:45am  
5 days/week 8:45am-1pm  
5 days/week 8:45am-3pm  
Elementary – 5 days/week 8:45am-3pm  
Before Care – 8am-8:45am  
After Care – 1pm-5pm



## Why Montessori?

Montessori sets itself apart from other forms of education because...

- It is child centered, individualized learning
- It is "hands on" learning
- It promotes movement
- It is a mixed age community
- It is peaceful



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"Great Beginnings uses a child's natural curiosity to initiate a love of learning. It celebrates diversity rather than demanding conformity, giving each child confidence and respect for others. I couldn't be more pleased with my child's education."

