

## ELEMENTARY CLASS (6-12)

Between the ages of 2 to 6 years, the child passes through a sensitive period where the child “absorbs” everything in the environment and acquires the skills necessary for his development. But, between the ages of 6 to 12 years, there is a change in personality. Whereas before, the child was satisfied to know the facts, how “he wants to know the ‘whys,’ ‘hows,’ and the consequences of the facts.” “From sensorial impressions he goes on to use his imagination and to what is not visible.”



He/She develops a sense of duty and responsibility. The child begins to reason for him/herself and is capable of going into the field of abstraction. The child is interested in the culture and feels the need of associating with others and of obeying laws.



At this age, the child learns language, mathematics, and physical and social sciences on an increasing abstract level. The Elementary Montessori Classes are also ungraded. The children are given individual instruction and each child progresses at his /her own pace.

*The school has been registered with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education. The Montessori curriculum exceeds that specified by the Department for children of elementary grades.*

### REGISTRATION AND TUITION FEES

Particulars	Fee / Year Mid-September to Mid-June payable in Ad- vance	Fee / Month
Non Refundable Registration Fee	<i>See rate in website</i>	
Tuition Fee	<i>See rate in website</i>	<i>See rate in website</i>

The tuition fee could be paid in monthly installments with the first month’s tuition paid mid-May. **A child may enter at any time of the year. The tuition fee will then be prorated at “N-see website” per school day.** No refunds or rebates will be given for the absence of a child from school. There is an extra charge for before and after school child care.

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## Montessori House of Children

**An A.M.I. School Since 1968**

**Private School for Children**

2-12 Years

Pre-School—Kindergarten

Ungraded Elementary Classes

Founded by Mr. and Mrs. V.D.B. Perera

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## THE MONTESSORI METHOD

The Montessori Method is a path of patience and research whereby the child gains independence, improves in social behavior and learns to care for his/herself and his/her environment. This method is not only for the very bright child, but also for the normal child. In a Montessori environment the child progresses at his own pace. In this environment the activities are divided into four groups.

### PRE-PRIMARY CLASSES (2-6 YEARS)



### EXERCISES OF PRACTICAL LIFE

These activities correspond with the fundamental needs of the personality of the child for 2 years. In doing these exercises the child learns the ability of concentration, coordination, and gracefulness of any action.

These exercises include the fastening games, pouring, washing, polishing, etc.



### SENSORIAL EXERCISES

The apparatus to develop the child's sense of touch, taste, smell, hearing, perception, and vision open doors for more sensorial explorations which help him to become conscious of sensorial impressions. These impressions, absorbed in the psychic mind, fulfill many functions and give the sense of order to the environment he/she lives in. These exercises appeal to children between the ages of 2 and 3 1/2 years.

### LANGUAGE

The child learns the shapes of the letters of the alphabet by feeling over (tracing with the finger) sand paper letters many times and soon acquires a muscular memory of the letters and its sounds. With the help of the movable alphabet, the child analyzes the sounds of a word in their correct order. He/She becomes conscious of the sounds in speech thereby helping him/her to read.

The child is introduced to language between the ages of 3 and 4 years.



## MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics apparatus gives the child an opportunity to concentrate on the fundamental concept of Mathematics. The numerical rods help him/her gain a clear notion of numbers and even solve simple problems in the four operations. He/She associates the symbols with the corresponding quantity, preparing the basis for development of Mathematics within the decimal system. The child experiences Mathematics in its concrete form with the various materials giving him/her a clear idea of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Mathematics is introduced between 3 and 4 years.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Montessori program in our school provides a second language (Spanish), Music, Art, History, Geography, Botany, Dance, Gardening, etc.

### SCHOOL HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.

Children may arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and may be picked up between 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Arrangements may be made for care of children coming in before 8:45 a.m. and remaining after 2:45 p.m. Child care starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

There are six weeks of Summer School starting immediately after regular school ends.