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Evergreen academy montessori

Our Toddler Option Program is an early childhood education program specifically designed for toddlers, typically aged 18 months to 3 years. This program serves as a bridge between infant care and preschool, providing a developmentally appropriate environment where toddlers can continue to grow, learn, and explore. The Toddler Option Program focuses on supporting the rapid development that occurs during these early years, particularly in areas such as language, motor skills, social interaction, and emotional regulation.

- Safe and Stimulating Environment**The program is set in a secure, child-friendly space that encourages exploration and independent activity. The environment is carefully arranged with age-appropriate furniture, toys, and materials that are safe and accessible for toddlers.
- Structured Routine with Flexibility**Toddlers thrive on routine, so the program includes a consistent daily schedule with activities such as circle time, snack time, outdoor play, and nap time. However, the schedule is flexible enough to accommodate the individual needs and rhythms of each child, recognizing that toddlers may still be transitioning from an infant care routine.
- Developmentally Appropriate Activities**Activities are designed to support the developmental milestones typical of toddlers. This includes fine motor activities like stacking blocks, gross motor activities like climbing or running, and cognitive activities such as simple puzzles and sorting games. The program also includes activities that promote language development, such as singing songs, reading books, and engaging in simple conversations.
- Focus on Social-Emotional Development**The program places a strong emphasis on helping toddlers develop social skills, such as sharing, taking turns, and expressing emotions appropriately. Teachers model and guide positive interactions, helping children navigate their feelings and develop empathy.
- Play-Based Learning** Play is central to the learning process for toddlers. The program incorporates both free play and guided play, allowing children to explore their interests and engage in creative, hands-on activities. This might include dramatic play, sensory play, and outdoor exploration, all of which contribute to cognitive and social development.
- Language and Communication Development**The program actively supports language development by encouraging toddlers to express themselves verbally. Teachers engage children in conversations, introduce new vocabulary, and use language-rich activities like storytelling, singing, and finger plays to enhance communication skills.
- Encouraging Independence**As toddlers begin to assert their independence, the program provides opportunities for self-help skills, such as feeding themselves, washing hands, and putting on shoes. Teachers support and encourage these emerging skills, fostering a sense of autonomy and confidence in the children.
- Positive Behavioral Guidance**The program uses positive guidance strategies to help toddlers understand expectations and develop appropriate behavior. This includes setting clear, consistent limits, offering choices, and using redirection to guide children towards positive actions.
- Family Engagement**The Toddler Option Program values the role of families in a child's development. Parents are regularly informed about their child's progress and daily activities, and they are encouraged to participate in the program through parent-teacher conferences, family events, and ongoing communication with the teaching staff.
- Health, Safety, and Nutrition**The program emphasizes the importance of health, safety, and nutrition. Snacks and meals provided are nutritious and appropriate for toddlers, and strict hygiene practices are followed to ensure a healthy environment. Outdoor play and physical activity are also integral parts of the program to promote overall well-being.

Support Holistic Development: Foster the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of toddlers through a balanced and engaging curriculum.

Promote Independence: Encourage self-help skills and independence while providing a safe, supportive environment.

Facilitate Social Interaction: Help toddlers develop social skills and positive relationships with peers and adults.

Enhance Language and Communication: Provide a language-rich environment that supports the development of verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

Ensure a Smooth Transition: Prepare toddlers for the next stage of their educational journey, whether that's moving into a more structured preschool setting or continuing with more advanced toddler programs.

Creative Arts: Toddlers engage in activities like finger painting, coloring, and playdough sculpting, which develop fine motor skills and creativity.

Storytime: Daily reading sessions where teachers read aloud, helping toddlers develop listening skills and an early love for books.

Music and Movement: Activities that combine music and physical movement, like dancing or clapping to songs, which promote coordination and rhythm.

Outdoor Exploration: Time spent outside in a safe play area where toddlers can run, climb, and explore nature, supporting gross motor skills and curiosity about the world.

At Evergreen Montessori Academy, our mission is to create a dynamic learning environment that harmoniously blends Montessori principles with Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP). We believe that children learn best through exploration, creativity, and hands-on experiences, and we are dedicated to fostering a love of learning that is both joyful and purposeful. Our unique approach combines the structured independence of Montessori with the imaginative freedom of play, allowing children to develop essential skills at their own pace while engaging in activities that spark curiosity and enthusiasm. Guided by educators who are deeply attuned to the developmental needs of young children, we provide a nurturing space where each child is encouraged to explore their interests, express their creativity, and build strong social and emotional foundations. We are committed to cultivating a community where children feel valued, respected, and inspired to discover their own paths. By integrating the best of Montessori and play-based education, we prepare our students to become confident, compassionate, and curious individuals, equipped with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our Core Principals Child-Centered Learning: Activities are tailored to each child's developmental stage, interests, and learning style.

Hands-On Exploration: Emphasis on sensory experiences and manipulative materials.

Independence: Encouraging self-directed learning and decision-making.

Social-Emotional Development: Focus on empathy, cooperation, and emotional intelligence.

Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP): Incorporating imaginative play, storytelling, and creative arts.

Well, today my daughter "graduated" from Evergreen and is moving on to TK. She was at the school from 2020-2023. Although ownership has changed, many of the teachers have been with my daughter from the start, or for quite a while, and the staff is very stable and consistent. We stayed at Evergreen because ultimately we trusted the staff who have been fantastic. Both very caring towards our daughter, while also providing her with proper guidance. The school is not a large building and as a result you often see the same kids/parents and it forms a nice community. Our daughter formed really wonderful friendships with her classmates. I think she is very well prepared for the next step at TK and Evergreen helped provide a great foundation for her. It's amazing to see the pictures and remember how much she has grown and matured while at the school. It was sad to see her move on, but I guess that means its truly been a wonderful experience. 2038 East Foothill Blvd.Pasadena, CA 91107 7:00am - 6:00pm Phone(626) 460-0468Emailros@evergreenmontessoriacademy.com Programs Infant Program Toddler Program Pre-Primary Program Primary Program ©2024 Evergreen Montessori Academy All Rights Reserved Evergreen Montessori Academy (EMA) provides authentic Montessori methodology and curriculum combined with evidence-based Social-Emotional Learning. This creates an environment where children thrive and learn to follow their interests while developing their capacity for independence, concentration, and a foundation for a lifetime of learning. The children are encouraged to engage at their own pace, enhancing their emerging powers of reason, imagination, and sociability. EMA enjoys and promotes its small student-to-teacher ratios. This ensures that your child will get the very best individualized care. ACCEPTING ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR Our classrooms for ages 3 to 6 are inspired by Maria Montessori's idea of a "Casa" or Children's House. These are calm, caring spaces where children feel safe to explore and learn. They build skills in language, coordination, focus, and problem-solving. Our teachers speak softly, and the day moves at an easy pace. The rooms are cozy and simple, like a home. Every child is loved and respected. Every detail is chosen to help them help them grow in every way. A consistent, mixed-age group where children stay for three years Certified Montessori Head Teachers guiding each classroom Uninterrupted time for our students to explore and learn Hands-on Montessori learning materials A beautiful, carefully prepared space that inspires curiosity Our students begin learning to write and read at just the right age. Using hands-on tools like the Sandpaper Letters, they trace letters to learn their shapes and sounds. This hands-on approach helps them understand letters in a way that feels natural. Many children who start with us at age three are beginning to read by the time they turn six. Every child learns at their own pace, and our teachers personalize lessons so each child builds their language skills step by step. Math in our Primary program goes beyond just counting. Our students use hands-on materials to learn how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. They gain the confidence to work with numbers exceeding preschool standards into the thousands. Our visual approach leads our students to enjoy working with numbers. Cultural Studies and Geography Learning about the world helps our students grow their vocabulary and think more deeply. At this age, children's minds are ready to absorb new words and ideas—just like a sponge. Our students explore topics like plants, geography, history, and different cultures. This builds the knowledge they will need for reading comprehension and school success. Our students learn life skills such as dressing themselves, preparing snacks, and cleaning up. They build their fine motor skills, improve their coordination, and learn to take care of their own space. As our students improve at these tasks, they develop pride and joy. Sensorial activities help children sharpen their senses and notice details in the world around them. They sort objects by size, match colors, and compare shapes. These hands-on exercises teach children to observe carefully and organize what they see, hear, touch, and feel. This focus on their senses helps them understand and talk about their experiences in a clear and meaningful way. We focus on language, independence, and social skills. We boost our students' language skills with fun activities. This includes conversations and creative exercises. These activities help your child learn to tackle tasks with confidence. Montessori is special because it helps young children grow both in their minds and in their character. The method was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in the early 1900s, and is used in schools all around the world. It focuses on helping children become independent, respectful, and responsible learners. Instead of teachers leading the class as a whole throughout the day, our students are able to choose their work and explore what interests them. This child-centered approach makes learning exciting and meaningful for every student. By giving them the freedom to explore and learn at their own pace, they develop a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. This approach sets them up for success, not just in preschool, but in all parts of their lives. Our students start learning to write and read by using fun, hands-on tools designed just for them. As they grow, they practice writing clearly and reading smoothly to understand what they read. They learn new words, read stories, and even learn to look up information. In Montessori Math, learning is like a journey, with each step building on the last. Our students use hands-on tools to learn about size, numbers, and putting things in order. They don't just memorize. They learn to think through problems. As they get older, they start to understand more complex ideas like addition, shapes, and even simple algebra and logic. Our students explore by looking, touching, and asking questions. They learn to observe, gather information, and find answers through experiments. They get to explore plants, animals, weather, rocks, and stars. Science helps them understand the world around them and why things work the way they do Cultural studies help our students learn about the world and its people. They study geography to learn about places and history to learn about different times. They also explore different countries, cultures, and ancient civilizations, as well as important parts of American history. This helps them respect and understand people who are different from them. Our students enjoy expressing themselves and learning about creativity. They explore music, painting, acting, and dancing. This helps them appreciate beauty and discover their own unique ways to be creative. Sensorial activities help children develop their senses. They play with shapes, colors, and patterns to sharpen their ability to see and feel differences. These skills build a strong foundation for learning math and science later on. In Practical Life, our students learn to take care of themselves and their surroundings. They practice dressing, tying shoes, and washing hands, which builds independence and fine motor skills. As they grow, they also start helping in their community, learning to be responsible and caring.