

Springs East Montessori School Enrollment Packet 2023 – 2024



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Advantages Gained Through Montessori Education:

Montessori education is truly “the education of the **whole child**” as stated by the founder of the philosophy, Dr. Maria Montessori. From her early observations of how young children learn, she developed a broad spectrum of materials used in our lessons that enable the development of all aspects of the individual child. We seek to instill in the child a **sense of self** as well as of their **place in the world**. They learn how to control their body in large muscle **movement** (walking without bumping into things/others, carrying without spilling, etc.), small muscle movement (controlling the hand when picking up and moving objects, to precise control of a pencil in writing, etc.), as well as how to control their mind in how they **focus** on their task, develop **persistence** to complete a challenging task, and develop **self-discipline** to be able to work **independently** on a task.

To facilitate the education of the whole child, Dr. Montessori developed specialized learning materials that have inherently consistent characteristics that persist throughout all of the years' curriculum from preschool through 6th grade. These consistent characteristics help the child to quickly internalize and then be able to visualize these foundational qualities as they progress through the more advanced learning lessons throughout the Montessori curriculum.

An example of these characteristics can be seen in the mathematics bead bars. Each numerical quantity is represented by a specific color which the child sees and manipulates as that quantity throughout their math lessons. 1 is red, 2 is green, 3 is peach, etc... This remains consistent as they work with concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, squaring, cubing, the square of a binomial, the square of a trinomial, the square of a decanomial, etcetera. This consistency is built in as the child progresses through the sequence of use of first, concrete materials (manipulatives such as the bead bars), then representational materials (like a picture of what they manipulated in their concrete level work), then the child naturally jumping off into abstraction (being able to do the work in their mind without the need of materials). Working in abstraction is the ideal attainment for each child.

Likewise, consistency within the sensorial materials, aids in the development of all of the child's senses, with more progressive lessons bringing greater refinement of each sense. The development of the senses extends beyond the basics of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting,

and feeling. It is also crucial to build the child's language understanding of abstractions such as smooth vs. rough, to the comparatives of rough vs. rougher, and to the superlatives of rough, rougher, roughest; this is all presented in the sensorial materials through various sets of textural boards, tablets (each in isolation, able to be sorted and graded), and materials (extension to the objects within the child's environment). Ultimately, the progression of language development ties closely with the sensorial lessons and the child's development of greater degrees of discrimination, leading to the child's confidence in using the stereognostic sense (to "know by touch" – removing the sense of sight).

Even early sensorial materials have a precise mathematical relationship in their construction. Each successive cube in the pink tower increases by 1 cm in each dimension, from the smallest being 1 cubic centimeter to the largest, the 10th cube in the set, being 1 cubic decimeter (10 cm³). This relationship is also present in the brown stairs with the exception that the incremental increase is only in 2 dimensions; the third dimension remains constant. The pink tower and brown stairs can be built side by side, allowing the child to feel the "sameness" of their sizes, but also clearly seeing the greater length of the pieces of the brown stairs. Because all of these pieces are built of the same dense wood, the child also inherently feels the greater mass of each correlated piece of the brown stairs – innately building the baric sense within the child. "Oh, this longer piece also feels heavier than a same size cube."

Also inherent within the sensorial materials, the consistency of dimension and color enables the child to recognize the binomial cube as a subset of the trinomial cube. This is not a lesson that is directly taught to the child; it is a concept that shows a "point of arrival" for the child – the child recognizes this as they continue to work with the Montessori materials and have the freedom to explore advanced ideas throughout their years of work using the materials.

Consider how you developed an understanding of place value and how long it took for it to really make sense to you. Within the Montessori materials, our decimal system and the concept of place value is taught through the use of the golden beads. Every number can be constructed using the golden beads. The unit upon which all numbers are built is one golden bead. When counting with the beads, ten golden beads form a line and are bound together to form a ten bar. Anytime you have ten unit beads, you can exchange them for a ten bar (think of regrouping units into tens when adding large numbers). If you have 10 ten bars, they line up next to each other and form a square. (Inherently, 10² is 100.) By counting the beads, the child confirms this is a square of one hundred beads. When counting hundred squares, they can be stacked to form a cube that is comprised of 1000 unit beads (and likewise, 10³ is 1000)!

As an adult, you can recognize that this system also represents the geometric progression of dimension in our visible world – 0-dimension is a point (unit bead), 1-dimension is a line (ten bar), 2-dimension is a square (hundred square – it has length and width), and 3-dimension is a cube (thousand cube – it has length, width, and height). This is a realization that only comes to the child after several years of working with these golden bead materials in many different lessons – from early place value lessons and making numbers, through using them in learning mathematical operations (including division) on large numbers.

Intrinsic to the Montessori materials, when representing digits in place value, the digits are color-coded according to their place value. The units place value is always colored green – whether it is a digit in the ones place, the one-thousands place, the one-millions place, etc. A digit in the tens place is colored blue. A digit in the hundreds place is colored red. When the child makes a number such as **3647**, it is represented with cards that can be decomposed to show the full place value of each digit's numerical value. **3000 600 40 7** This color-coding remains consistent throughout all of the Montessori materials, even when being taught to

multiply **tens of thousands** by **hundreds**, the materials show that the answer will be in the **ones of millions** place value.

The explosion into reading may happen rapidly for some children, even within months of their start in a Montessori school, but this by no means indicates they have reading mastery of all they need for future success in school. This just indicates that the child was ready to hear and see how to blend the sounds of the letters into making phonetic words (phonics). There are still many more “secrets” (we may call them the “secret sounds”) to learn that provide the keys to unlock the world of books. To become a confident reader and competent speller, the child also needs to be able to recognize the many different spellings of the 44 phonemes that comprise the English language. Understanding the finer discriminations take more time to master. All of the exceptions in the English language nearly outnumber the forms of words that remain consistent with the conjugation and grammar rules in English! *Tough enough, I thought, to plough through it all thoroughly, though I coughed roughly.* How many ways can “ough” be pronounced? (Not all are represented here, but there are actually 9 or 10 ways, depending on which side of the pond you are from!)

This leads to a discussion of the importance of consistency in your child’s education. The full advantages to be gained through Montessori Education are not realized in just one year or even two years. Building the conceptual understanding of abstract ideas while strengthening and emphasizing each of the essential character traits within the child, leads the child to believe in their own abilities as a learner so they develop into a person who is a lifelong learner. Children need time, encouragement, consistency, and opportunity to develop to their full potential.

Value Our Approach Offers:

We take pride in the authentic Montessori curriculum, materials used, training of our staff, years in business, but most importantly, for the love and guidance we have provided to so many graduates of our programs over the course of the school’s 56 years of operation.

We hope that you recognize our commitment to your child and the care with which we provide them with their educational foundation. We see our job to shape your child’s educational foundation as most important because your child is most important.

To supplement the Montessori Programs, we offer before and after school Extended Care Programs for our students and their older siblings who can be dropped off from Sycamore and Indian Hill schools. Our Extended Care Program follows the Springs East Montessori School calendar and begins at 8:00 AM to include before school, lunch, and after school care ending at 5:00 PM. Children should bring a nutritious packed lunch each day.

Weekly cost is noted to easily compare our cost to other schools in the area that charge on a weekly basis. You will find exceptional value with regards to cost for service if you choose to compare our program to others.

Montessori School Program Costs 2023-2024:

Montessori Tuition	2023-2024 SY Cost [Deposit + 9 Monthly Payments] (August-April)	Annual Tuition Cost	Session Times	
Application Fee (one-time only) per family	\$35			
Enrollment Deposit due Upon Acceptance to hold a space for your child (Non-refundable)	10% of yearly tuition (which is applied as your payment for the month of May)			
5 Day Montessori Preschool / Kindergarten Ages 3 – 5	Half Day	\$550	\$5,500	8:45 am – 11:45 am
	Full Day	\$880	\$8,800	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Elementary School – Grades 1-3	\$880	\$8,800	Full Day 8:30 am – 3:30 pm	
3 Day Montessori Preschool Ages 2 & 3 years only	\$407	\$4,070	8:45 am – 11:45 am	

Extended Care Program Costs 2023-2024:

The Extended Care Program does not require a deposit for your child.

All payments are due by the 10th of the month, paying in advance for each month.

Therefore, you will make 10 monthly payments for August through May. [Your Extended Care Program Costs can be included in the same check you write to pay your tuition.](#)

Extended Care Programs	2023-2024 SY Cost 10 Monthly Payments (Aug-May)	Weekly Average Cost (for comparison to other daycare programs)	Session Time
A. With Full-day School Program	\$280	\$70.00	Approximately 2 hours of extended care per day
B. With Five ½ day School Program	\$640	\$160.00	Approximately 6 hours of extended care per day
C. With Three ½ day School Program	\$384	\$96.00	Approximately 6 hours of extended care per day for 3-day program
D. Occasional Use	\$10.00 per hour for each child		Available on a now and then basis

For older siblings being dropped off from Indian Hill Schools or Sycamore Schools for our Extended Care Program, the bus drop-off time is usually at 4 PM. So, they will be attending only 1 hour per day for our 175-day school year. This would equate to 10 monthly payments of \$175.00 per child payable August through May.

Tuition Payments:

Tuition is paid monthly in 10 equal payments. The 10% Enrollment Deposit is due by May 15th, and is applied as a credit to your 10th and final school year payment. The balance of tuition is paid between the 1st and the 10th of the month, August through April.

For example, if your child is enrolled in the Full Day Kindergarten Program (with a total school year cost of \$8,800.00), then your monthly payment schedule would be as follows:

10% Enrollment Deposit = \$880.00 paid by May 15th, 2023 (or upon acceptance)

August thru April = \$880.00 per month

May = Enrollment Deposit credit is applied and no payment is due

If you wish for your child(ren) to continue attending Springs East Montessori School the next school year, your 10% Enrollment Deposit must be submitted by May 15th to guarantee space for your child(ren).

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The Extended Care Program does not require a deposit for your child. All payments are due by the 10th of the month, paying in advance for each month. Therefore, you will make 10 monthly payments for August through May. [Your Extended Care Program Costs can be included in the same check you write to pay your tuition.](#)

Payment Due Dates:

Payment is due by the 10th of each month. Account payments received after the 10th of the month will be assessed a **\$10 Late Payment Fee**. Any payment returned by the bank for insufficient funds will be assessed a **\$30 Returned Check Fee**.

If you need to discuss alternate payment options, please contact Miss Ann.

Monthly payment receipt statements for employer reimbursement programs are not sent unless requested.

Checks should be made payable to **Springs East Montessori School**. Please do not place your check in your child's bookbag or lunchbox! Checks can either be handed directly to your child's teacher, placed in the lock box located in the entry hall of school directly across from the front door, or mailed to:

Springs East Montessori School
9429 Loveland-Madeira Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Placement:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Springs East Montessori School. We have reserved a place for your child with receipt of your signed enrollment form and enrollment deposit.

We are looking forward to partnering with you in the educational development of your child. Please let us know if we can be of help to you or answer questions regarding our programs.

Placement Policy:

Guarantee of placement for your child for the next school year is secured by the Enrollment Form and Enrollment Deposit. This 10% deposit is required to hold your child's place in the class for the school year. This non-refundable enrollment deposit is due by May 15th each year. **For newly enrolling students**, the enrollment form and 10% enrollment deposit must be received within 7 days of completing your Application Form and school tour/interview with Miss Ann in order to hold a place for your child for the coming school year.

Half-Day Montessori Morning Session: 8:45 am – 11:45 am
Full Day Montessori Session: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Placement is "first come, first served."

Enrollment Deposit:

The enrollment deposit serves as your registration commitment and secures your child's placement for the upcoming school year. For returning students, the enrollment deposit is due by May 15th each year. For newly enrolling students, the enrollment deposit is to be submitted within 7 days of completing your Application Form and school tour/interview with Miss Ann. This non-refundable enrollment deposit is applied as a credit in May for your 10th and final tuition payment for the school year.

The enrollment deposit is non-refundable should you decide to leave Springs East Montessori School prior to the conclusion of the school year. Should a student move out of the area during the school year, the deposit will be applied as the final month's tuition payment.

Discounted Tuition:

If the entire yearly tuition is paid in advance, by August 10th, a discount of \$100.00 will be given.

Example: If your child is enrolled in the Full Day Kindergarten Program, with a total school year cost of \$8,800, and you paid the 10% enrollment deposit in May (\$880), then your remaining tuition payment would be: $\$8,800 - \$880 - \$100 = \$7,820$ paid by August 10th.

Enrollment Procedures:

Thank you for your interest in Springs East Montessori School.

The first steps to enrollment include submitting the Application Form and the required \$35 Application Fee, followed by an opportunity for you and your child to meet with Miss Ann and see our school.

To complete the enrollment process, please do the following:

- Sign and return the enclosed enrollment form for the program you are choosing
- Enclose the 10% enrollment deposit
- Make your check payable to **Springs East Montessori School**
- Mail your form and check to:
 - Springs East Montessori School
 - 9429 Loveland-Madeira Road
 - Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242
 - Attention: Ann Griesdorn, Director

Upon receipt of your Enrollment Deposit and Enrollment Form, a formal Acceptance Letter and School Handbook will be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Ann at 513-509-7671.

WELCOME TO SPRINGS EAST MONTESSORI SCHOOL!

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HALF DAY: Montessori Preschool / Kindergarten Program

ENROLLMENT FORM

To: Springs East Montessori School

I wish to enroll my child, _____ at Springs East
(child's name)

Montessori School for the 2023 – 2024 school year. I would like **my child** to attend the half day Montessori program:

Morning Session
8:45 am – 11:45 am

I understand that a non-refundable 10% Enrollment Deposit of \$ 550.00 is required to be paid in advance, (within 7 days of Acceptance, or no later than May 15th for reenrollment of continuing students) in order to guarantee my child's placement.

I understand that I will be obligated to pay the full year tuition of \$ 5,500.00. The Enrollment Deposit payment is made at the time of enrollment and shall be applied to the final tuition payment in May, with the balance to be paid in nine equal monthly installments. The first of these installments shall be due and payable on or before August 10th and the remaining installments shall be due and payable on or before the 10th day of each consecutive month, through April.

Springs East Montessori School is not obligated to refund or reduce tuition for days on which my child is absent from school due to illness or days when the school is closed due to severe weather or other conditions beyond Springs East Montessori School's direct control.

This tuition amount does not include "in-house" field trips, which are a separate fee.
Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

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FULL DAY: Montessori Preschool / Kindergarten / Elementary Programs

ENROLLMENT FORM

To: Springs East Montessori School

I wish to enroll my child, _____ at Springs East
(child's name)

Montessori School for the 2023 – 2024 school year. I would like **my child** to attend the full day Montessori program:

Preschool Program

Kindergarten Program

Elementary Program

(Please circle program your child is to attend)

The hours of the full day program are **8:30 am – 3:30 pm.**

I understand that a non-refundable 10% Enrollment Deposit of \$ 880.00 is required to be paid in advance, (within 7 days of Acceptance, or no later than May 15th for reenrollment of continuing students) in order to guarantee my child's placement.

I understand that I will be obligated to pay the full year tuition of \$ 8,800.00. The Enrollment Deposit payment is made at the time of enrollment and shall be applied to the final tuition payment in May, with the balance to be paid in nine equal monthly installments. The first of these installments shall be due and payable on or before August 10th and the remaining installments shall be due and payable on or before the 10th day of each consecutive month, through April.

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This tuition amount does not include "in-house" field trips, which are a separate fee.
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(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

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HALF DAY: Montessori Preschool Three - Day Program
For children ages 2 & 3 only; please choose 3 consecutive days

ENROLLMENT FORM

To: Springs East Montessori School

I wish to enroll my child, _____ at Springs East
(child's name)
Montessori School for the 2023 – 2024 school year. I would like **my child** to attend the

Morning Session

8:45 – 11:45 am Mon. Tue. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
(Please circle 3 consecutive days to attend.)

I understand that a non-refundable 10% Enrollment Deposit of \$ 407.00 is required to be paid in advance, (within 7 days of Acceptance, or no later than May 15th for reenrollment of continuing students) in order to guarantee my child's placement.

I understand that I will be obligated to pay the full year tuition of \$ 4,070.00. The Enrollment Deposit payment is made at the time of enrollment and shall be applied to the final tuition payment in May, with the balance to be paid in nine equal monthly installments. The first of these installments shall be due and payable on or before August 10th and the remaining installments shall be due and payable on or before the 10th day of each consecutive month, through April.

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This tuition amount does not include "in-house" field trips, which are a separate fee.
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(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

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CALENDAR 2023 – 2024

Wednesday, August 16	Class sessions begin (Extended Care begins 8:00 am until 5:00 pm) Morning Class 8:45 am – 11:45 am Full Day Class 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Monday, September 4	Labor Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Thursday, September 7	Parent Education Night – Language Curriculum – time & details in Newsletter
Thursday, September 21	Parent Education Night – Mathematics Curriculum – time & details in Newsletter
Friday, October 6	Trunk or Treat – time & details in Newsletter
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Saturday , October 28	Children’s Demonstration Day Sign-up sheet will be available 2 weeks in advance
Monday, October 30	Teacher Work Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Friday, November 10	Veteran’s Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Monday – Friday, November 20 – 24	Thanksgiving Holiday Week School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Friday, December 15	Holiday Tea Party – time and details in Newsletter Last day of School & Extended Care Program Winter Break begins (12/18/23 through 1/2/24)
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	School & Extended Care Programs Resume
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King Jr Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Saturday , February 10	Children’s Demonstration Day Sign-up sheet will be available 2 weeks in advance
Monday, February 12	Teacher Work Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine’s Exchange – details in Newsletter
Monday, February 19	Presidents’ Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Friday, March 15 March 18 – 29	Last Day of School & Extended Care Programs / Spring Break Begins Spring Break
Monday, April 1	School & Extended Care Programs Resume Summer Learning Program Registration Begins
May 15 th	Enrollment Deposit Due to secure space for your child for SY 2024-2025
Saturday , May 18	School Volunteer Clean Up 9 AM to Noon
Wednesday, May 22	Year End Luncheon – time & details in Newsletter
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – School & Extended Care Programs Closed
Friday, May 31	Last Day of school year HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!!
OPEN HOUSE DATES	Thursday, January 25th and Thursday, April 18th Invite interested friends/neighbors to learn about Montessori education