

Join us for our Kindergarten program in Fall 2020!



Did you know? Aspen Hill Montessori offers a full-time, 4 or 5 day per week fully accredited Kindergarten program. Children enjoy a rounded Montessori component, developing grace and courtesy and exploring our nature-based activities. They also receive programming through Alberta Education's preparatory curriculum for Grade 1 readiness. Our graduates are often first-accepted to local private elementary schools due to their academic achievements in Kindergarten.

Our Kindergarten program is open to children who will be 5 prior to Dec. 31 2020. Children do not have to have attending our Centre previously to join! For 'almost five year olds', ask us about our Senior Casa program, providing strong pre-Kindergarten skills that they need for success the following year.

Our safe, sanitized spaces are professionally disinfected, and exceed the best-in-industry COVID-19 health screening protocols. Working in partnership and approved by Alberta Health Services, we are guaranteed to be open for in-class services for fall 2020.

To express interest in our 2020-2021 kindergarten program, contact registrar@aspenhillmontessori.ca.



What are typical differences between a Montessori classroom and a play-based preschool program?

A Montessori program...	A play-based preschool program...
Is child-centred and child directed. Children choose activities with guidance based on learning interests.	Is teacher-directed. A teacher will determine the order and timing of activities for all children.
Can extend into junior high	Is for children ages 3-6 only.
Provides a child-sized environment surrounded by neutral colours, filled with real life items (glass jars, wood trays, photographs) and natural materials	Provides a safe-for-children environment with toys, bright primary colours, and imaginary / cartoon images
Offers activities that develop core growth - math, tidying, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, science, reading, writing	Offers activities that encourage play
Has standardized terminology, evaluation, and progression of skill markers across many schools	Activities are dependent on the school and teacher and can vary day to day
Is focused on developmental markers to grow the whole child	Is focused on ensuring the child is happy

How do we know if a Montessori program is right for our child?

You're ready to choose the right start to schooling for your child - but how do you know what's best for your family? There are many options available to you. Consider the following:

- Does your child show interest in learning new concepts, and engage in learning on their own?
- Does your child show interest in pursuing an activity repeatedly, even if they don't succeed the first time?
- Does your child respond eagerly to further an activity when you demonstrate a new skill or object?
- Does your child enjoy responding to other adults and children?
- Do you encourage your child to do things for themselves, even if it takes longer?
- Are you excited to see your child's growing independence, and encourage them to move away from your support?
- Is your child willing to take guidance to modify their behavior when asked?
- Does your child show curiosity about the way the world works, and wants to 'try everything'?

If you can say an enthusiastic 'yes' to all of these questions, a more formalized approach to development, such as a Montessori program, could be a good fit for your child. If you're not sure, please talk to our staff - we would be happy to share more about the Montessori approach with you.

We look forward to sharing our school with your family to see if the Montessori approach is a fit for your child.