

# Why Choose Montessori?

## **Montessori — The Advantage That Lasts a Lifetime.**

Montessori students develop creativity and confidence, critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a positive, collaborative attitude and a life-long love for learning — all key attributes that stay with them throughout their education and life.

## **What is Montessori?**

Montessori is an individualized approach that helps each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. It is a student-centred approach that encourages creativity and curiosity and leads children to ask questions, explore, investigate and think for themselves as they acquire skills.

A Montessori environment focuses more on students' learning than on a teacher's teaching. Specially trained Montessori teachers guide, coach and facilitate each child's learning through continuous observation and assessment.

Concepts are taught with specialized Montessori materials that allow students to learn in concrete and sensorial ways before moving into abstract concepts. This creates a strong and lasting foundation that carries them through their schooling.

*“Our aim is not merely to make children understand, and still less to force them to memorize, but so to touch their imaginations as to enthuse them to their innermost core.” ~Maria Montessori*

## **What is Authentic Montessori?**

Since ‘Montessori’ is a word in the public domain, it is possible for any individual or institution to claim to be a ‘Montessori School’. An ‘authentic Montessori’ classroom should have the following basic characteristics at all levels:

1. A classroom atmosphere which encourages social interaction for cooperative learning, peer teaching, and emotional development.
2. A schedule which allows uninterrupted large blocks of work time to problem-solve, to see connections in knowledge and to create new ideas.
3. A full and diverse set of Montessori materials, activities, and experiences which are designed to foster physical, intellectual, creative, social, and personal independence.
4. A partnership established with the family. The family is considered an integral part of the individual's full development.
5. Teachers educated in the Montessori philosophy and the methodology for the age level they are teaching and have the ability, experience and dedication to put the key concepts into practice.
6. A multi-aged, multi-graded, heterogeneous grouping of students.



## **Why Brilliant Star Montessori School?**

Brilliant Star Montessori is committed to providing students with a joyful and authentic Montessori experience. We are a Qualified Independent School and Charitable Organization with highly experienced and certified staff. Guided by the Montessori philosophy and The Virtues Project, we will provide a peaceful and caring environment that nurtures the development of every child and their natural curiosity for learning. Our vision is to cultivate a life-long love of learning while developing caring and respectful individuals who positively contribute to the world around them.