

## **Concord Montessori School**

Welcome to our school; it was established in 1974, and is a member of the North American Montessori Teacher's Association (NAMTA). We are located in North Billerica, Massachusetts. The school year is from September through May.

Our school's philosophy is to foster independence, love of learning, and a positive sense of self in a prepared environment. Every child is encouraged to function independently at his or her own developmental rate. We encourage parent participation in the classroom.

Through activities in daily living; a child's fine motor skills, care of the environment, care of themselves, as well as grace and courtesy are developed. Once in our primary classrooms, the sensorial materials develop the skills of observation in every sense, develop rich vocabulary, as well as an appreciation of the materials used. Language is developed through many materials in the classroom. Stories, songs, poems, the names used in geography and science, and the tactile sandpaper letters all contribute to a multi-faceted approach to learning. Math concepts are initiated with concrete materials including sorting, counting and solving problems. Eventually, children move on to use the many math materials including the beautiful glass bead stair and chains which so clearly reinforce learning. Montessori developed all of her materials to initially isolate a concept before unifying ideas.

Our classrooms focus on every child learning at his or her own pace, and most work is individual. We have a pre-primary class for two-year olds with nine children and two teachers and a primary class of up to seventeen with two teachers, for children age three through kindergarten age. (Children must be two for our pre-primary program or three for our primary class, by September 1). A child develops optimally when they are allowed to flourish over time in a familiar safe environment. The atmosphere in our school is calm, the environment quiet and orderly, and teachers use positive reinforcement to build success. It is important that children feel some sense of continuity between home and school, so we hope that our environment resonates with you as parents. Our program hours are 9:00 to 12:00 with an optional lunch hour on some days.

If you are interested in securing a space for your child, you should fill out the application form and submit it with your \$800.00 deposit. Applications will be processed in the order that they are received. Your deposit will be returned to you in the event that the school declines your child. We have limited spaces for new students, and will fill classes taking account of sibling relationships, age, and gender balance.

## Application for enrollment

A place will be held for all returning students in the Primary Class until November 15th. After that date, applicants will be considered on an individual basis. **A non-refundable deposit of \$800.00, which is deducted from tuition,** must be made with the application to secure a place in the school. If we are unable to accept your child, a full refund will be remitted immediately.

Parents may be requested to withdraw a child from the school at the discretion of the Head Teacher, with the approval of the Administrator. If after meeting with the parent, such an action is deemed in the best interests of the child or school, then tuition will be prorated and refunded. Tuition fees will not otherwise be refunded or abated because of the child's absence, delayed attendance, early departure or withdrawal.

### Tuition for 2009– 2010

<b>Pre-primary class</b>	<b>3 days</b>	<b>9:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>\$5200.00</b>
<b>Primary class</b>	<b>5 days</b>	<b>9:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>\$6800.00</b>

### Contract

I ..... as parent or legal guardian of the child named ..... do hereby agree to enroll such child in the Concord Montessori School in accordance with the terms of agreement listed above.

Child's birth date ..... Age at September 1st.....

Parents' names.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Signature ..... Date .....

**Mail to: Robin Jean, 61 Birch Drive, Concord, MA 01742**