



"In our Montessori school we learn together peacefully and responsibly by caring for each other and the world."

Mountainview Montessori School Fees 2023-2024- Grades 1-3

Montessori Materials and Program Enhancement Fee - \$55

A Montessori Materials and Program Enhancement Fee is requested for each primary student, Grades 1,2 and 3, in the Montessori program.

Your \$55 provides your child the following:

- All standardized classroom materials required of students so everyone uses the same goods: paper, exercise books, scissors, colour-coded duotangs (efficient organization), student mailboxes, pens, pencils, colouring utensils (pencils/felts), pastels (chalk/oil as required), paint, calculators (if required), rulers, erasers, permanent markers, glue sticks, craft-making materials unique to Montessori eg specific art supplies and hands on materials for math, science, exploration and Montessori practical life.

Your money goes much farther with us since we can buy in bulk and maintain the standard of supplies that we expect with Montessori classes. Our experience is, however, that we make this money work for you! At the end of the year, unused supplies are divided and sent home with students.

Further rationale for this fee: The Montessori program is intended to develop self-directed students with a global vision. In the Montessori classroom:

- There is a multi-age group in each class, ideally a three-year age span, with six to nine year olds grouped together and nine to twelve year olds in another grouping. Wherever possible, students stay with the same teacher for three years.
- The program is individualized wherever possible.
- An emphasis is placed on students progressing at their own rate.
- At the primary level, the method is based on the use of self-correcting, concrete materials which are devised to be used in a sequence matched to the child's level.
- Materials are limited so that children learn to share and help one another. There are large unbroken time spans for work, with minimal interruptions to keep from disturbing the students' concentration.
- The curriculum is designed to develop in the child a global view of mankind, stressing the interdependence of man and the care of the environment.
- There is an emphasis on the development of the child as a contributing member of the society, including a multicultural focus.

Additional Fees:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 4-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips- Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Fees will be collected in September through SchoolCashOnline once students are in classes.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Snow | Principal