

Madison Eagle

Madison Montessori School accepting enrollments



MADISON - The Madison Montessori School at 19 Green Ave. has September 2017 openings in both its toddler program and its preschool program.

"The school provides a caring and nurturing environment for children ages 2 and one-half through 6," said Director Terry Armstrong. "Nestled just steps away from NJ Transit and historic downtown Madison, the Madison Montessori School offers half-day preschool and full-day kindergarten programs that follow the philosophy and methodology perfected by Maria Montessori."

Half-day programs are offered in both the mornings and afternoons; children attending local kindergarten programs also can join the afternoon session as an enrichment to their morning studies.

Capped at an enrollment of 66 students, Armstrong called the Madison Montessori School "a tiny gem whose small-school feel allows for the growth of each student within a strong community of children, families, and teachers."

'Safe And Loving'

Located in the borough since 1981, the Madison Montessori School "proceeds first from the core principles of Montessori education," Armstrong said. "The Montessori philosophy drives the program and unites the school. That philosophy -- a child-centered educational approach -- can be seen in both the physical classroom and the atmosphere within it.

“We will create a safe and loving environment where respect for each child as an individual is fundamental,” Armstrong noted. “We will nurture in the children a love and enthusiasm for learning, a respect for others, an appreciation of their own self worth, and a readiness to take their place in the larger community.”

Armstrong said the school’s success in achieving its aims "can be seen in many ways, but perhaps the most special is when children of **Madison Montessori School** alumni join the classroom."

Beyond the traditional Montessori curriculum, **Madison Montessori School** students enjoy experiences in science, music, creative movement, yoga, cooking, and art. In addition, each year the school chooses a country to study in depth, and the students explore the country’s history, geography, culture and language. Students and staff share in the discovery of customs and traditions unique to the chosen country -- and sometimes are fortunate to have students, parents or friends from that country who make presentations, share recipes and lend artifacts which bring the country study to life. The country for the 2016-17 school year is Chile.

Flexible Hours

Children ages 2 and one-half to 3 and one-half can choose to attend school two days or three days each week.

The mixed-age preschool program, for children ages 3 through 6, meets five days each week, with a choice of morning sessions from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., or afternoon sessions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Students in the morning preschool program can elect to bring lunch and stay for extended enrichment until either 2:30 or 3:30 p.m., and students in the afternoon program can elect to arrive at 11:30 a.m. for “lunch bunch.”

Scholarship awards are available to qualifying families. In addition to the school's scholarship program, two memorial funds were established by families to honor their loved ones. The **Madison Montessori School** also participates as a partner school with **Preschool Advantage**, a nonprofit established in 1995 whose mission is to fund high-quality early childhood education for 3 and 4-year-old children of families in need. For the 2016-17 school year, **Preschool Advantage** is sending 70 children to 17 carefully selected partner preschools in Morris and Somerset counties, including the **Madison Montessori School**. For information about **Preschool Advantage**, visit <http://www.preschooladvantage.org>. For details about the **Madison Montessori School's** partnership with **Preschool Advantage**, visit www.madisonmontessorinj.org.

Registration for the fall session is currently open; for information or to schedule a tour, call (973) 966-9544 or email info@madisonmontessorinj.org.