

Dr. Maria Montessori

Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy's first female physician, became involved with education as a doctor treating under-privileged children. It was through her experiences and scientific observations that she discovered how children respond to stimulus and thus, how best to educate them. She chose developmentally appropriate materials that would contribute to their growth as self-motivated, independent learners.

Dr. Montessori's revolutionary and dynamic theories include:

- Children are to be respected as different from adults, and as individuals who are different from one another.
- Children create themselves through purposeful activity.
- Children possess unusual sensitivity and mental ability for absorbing and learning from their environment—including people as well as the materials.

*"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."*

*-Dr. Maria Montessori*



Christian Montessori Academy follows the educational principles and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, based on the belief that education is more than just a search of intellectual skills—it is preparation for life.

Children attending CMA are not viewed as a group, but rather as individuals working toward their full potential within our Montessori community.