



The Elementary Program at Midlothian Montessori

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Ages: 6-12 Years/ Grades 1-6

Schedule: Monday- Friday, 8:00- 3:15

Format of School Year: Phase-In begins late August; Regular schedule begins after Labor Day. School Year is approximately 10 months with a Winter and Spring break. Summer Programming offered from June to mid- August.

Tuition: \$10,788, \$380 Materials; discounts and payment plans found on www.midlomont.com

Additional Care: Early Drop off and Afternoon Care until 5:30 offered

Program includes full range of academics, Art, Music, and Foreign Language. Teachers are highly trained, and Lead Teachers have internationally- recognized Montessori credentials

Learning that inspires and engages

As the children enter the Elementary ages, there are profound changes to their minds and bodies. The elementary student is social, capable, strong, curious, imaginative, and has an interest in fairness and justice. They want to explore a larger universe of imagination and reason, to learn what is right and wrong, and to evaluate meaningful roles in society. An elementary child has the thirst to know how things have come to be, the history of the universe, the world, and human behavior. For this age, Dr. Montessori said, **“We are to give the child the cosmos.”** We instill this love of learning through our daily endeavors:

- Hands-on materials and experiences foster deeper understanding of the world
- Integrated arts and sciences
- Safe and supportive environment allows the students to develop academically, socially, emotionally, and physically
- Individualized learning: close-knit community gives ample opportunity for teachers to guide each student to reach his or her fullest potential
- Field trips and “going-out” makes the world our classroom



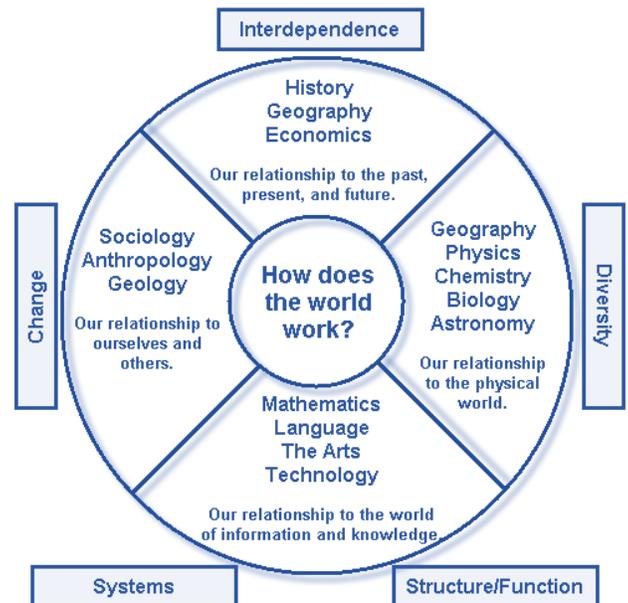
The Montessori curriculum for the elementary program at MCC features areas of study that are interwoven and complement each other. Each field of exploration is related to another branch of knowledge, all working in concert to help the student learn to answer the central question, "How does the world work?"

A Cosmic Education: Integrated and interconnected

The Midlothian Montessori elementary program provides challenging academics and a **rich, integrated curriculum** that meets the needs of students from first through sixth grade. The curriculum is organized in a spiral of integrated studies rather than a traditional linear model of compartmentalized separate subjects. In the early years, lessons are introduced simply and concretely using materials, reintroduced over the following years with increasing abstraction and complexity.

The elementary curriculum is built around the five **Great Lessons**:

- ❖ **The Story of the Universe** explores the formation of the stars, sun, and the earth.
- ❖ **The Coming of Life** focuses on the idea that the beginning of life signaled a new balance on the earth.
- ❖ **The Coming of Humans** emphasizes the coming of humanity to the earth as a thinking, loving, working form of life.
- ❖ **The Story of Communication in Signs** presents language as a part of history and studies the milestones that led to the creation of the Roman alphabet.
- ❖ **The Story of Numerals** introduces the history of numbers and mathematics.



This core framework of the Great Lessons provides an overview and stimulates the imagination. The students then study the subjects in detail: biology, chemistry, geology, geography, physics, history, math, English, art, and music. Because of the unifying thread of the Great Lessons, no subject is studied in isolation. The result is a highly engaged student who is gaining both strong academic skills as well as intensive studies in the traditional school subjects that all relate to a deeper understanding of the world.

Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create. – Dr. Montessori