

# MONTESSORI

## City Park School

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### MONTESSORI ADVANTAGE

Saskatoon Public Schools' Montessori Elementary Program is offered to students in Grades 1 to 8. Montessori philosophy and methodology is used to deliver Saskatchewan curricula. By following the child, learning is individualized and presented to match the stages of children's development. During a daily independent work cycle, students may choose from prepared Montessori materials to work at their individual pace. Freedom within limits allows for each child to set goals and develop the independence and self-regulation to achieve. The teacher assumes the role of educational guide, offering individual, small-group and large-group presentations as needed by the students. The multi-year learning cycle allows all children in the class to work at varying levels, on various topics of interest at any grade level within the cycle.

### DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Students in and around Saskatoon are part of the SPS Montessori public school program. Students of varying educational experiences are placed in multi-aged classrooms where students learn to work collaboratively with their peers and experience the benefits of moving from being mentored to mentoring, leading and role modeling for their peers. The Montessori classroom fosters personal responsibility and problem solving. Through mutual respect and the belief in a peaceful environment, students form a community of learners.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The Montessori Program is open to students with or without prior Montessori experience. Previous Montessori experience is an asset at the upper elementary and middle years levels. Families interested in the Montessori program are asked to attend an information meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 7 p.m. at City Park. Registration forms and additional information are available on the program's webpage. Admission is based on an application process and families whose applications were wait-listed in previous years must submit a new application each year.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Multi-aged classes
- Multi-year learning cycles
- Learning based on the developmental stages of the child
- Cosmic Curriculum: enhancing wonder and curiosity
- Follow the child: choice and individual pace; freedom within limits
- Daily work cycle characterized by student choice of tasks
- Teach and foster grace and courtesy
- A learning environment that fosters peace and mutual respect
- Use of Montessori learning materials in a prepared environment
- Practical life experiences

