



Montessori Pre-K Program Quick Facts 2017-18

Montessori Pre-Kindergarten Information:

- Flint Community Schools is offers free, full-day Montessori pre-kindergarten class at Durant Tuuri Mott (DTM). To be eligible, students must be at least 4 years old by September 1 and qualify for the Great Start Readiness Program.
- Children do not have to have prior Montessori experience.
- The class size is capped at 16 and has a state-certified teacher who has also studied Montessori education as well as a paraprofessional.

Montessori Education:

- Montessori is a way of teaching where students learn:
 - At their own pace and have freedom within limits.
 - From each other, typically in a multi-age classroom.
 - With hands-on materials, moving from concrete to abstract concepts.
 - With a teacher and classroom environment that follow kids' natural curiosity.
- A Montessori classroom looks and feels different. There are no rows of desks and chairs, but lots of shelves to store the hands-on materials and mats that children carefully unroll to do their work on the floor. The environment is usually calm and focused. The teacher rarely instructs from the front of the room but often works on the floor or at a table one-on-one or with small groups of students.
- The Montessori method was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, a physician and educator, more than 100 years ago as she worked with kids in an impoverished part of Rome. Montessori education is rooted in an understanding of children's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development and supports those natural processes.

Program Information:

- The pre-K Montessori class is at Durant Tuuri Mott (DTM), located at 1518 University Ave. (next to the Flint Children's Museum). The principal is Shelly Umphrey. There is also an elementary Montessori program at DTM.
- The pre-K program begins in October, is full-day, and runs Monday-Thursday.

Uniforms:

- Pre-K students are encouraged to wear uniforms. At DTM, shirts/blouses may be any solid color as long as they have a collar and are not sleeveless. Pants/skirts/shorts may be black, khaki or navy.

Enrollment Information:

- If you would like more information, please complete an interest form at www.flintmontessori.org, contact Latausha Wilson at the FCS Early Childhood Office (810) 767-8 018 or contact Montessori for Flint (810) 610-7209 / jordanel19@yahoo.com.
- The first step to enroll is to pre-register by calling (810) 591-KIDS or at www.geneseepreschool.org. Be sure to select Flint Community Schools- Durant Tuuri Mott Montessori as your preferred program and please let us know when you have done that step.