## MONTESSORI PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM





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**QUICK FACTS 2018-19** 

## **Program Overview**

- Flint Community Schools offers a public, full-day, Monday-Thursday Montessori Pre-Kindergarten program funded by the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). Flint also provides public Montessori elementary classes for grades K-3.
- To be eligible for the pre-kindergarten program, students must be at least 4 years old by September 1 and meet GSRP eligibility guidelines. (Flint children exposed to the water crisis are eligible regardless of income.)
- The class size is capped at 16 and the room has both a state-certified teacher who has additional training in Montessori education and a paraprofessional.

## School Building Information and Services

- The Montessori program is based at Durant Tuuri Mott (DTM), located at 1518 University Ave. (next to the Flint Children's Museum). The principal is Shelly Umphrey.
- As a student at DTM, Montessori children eat free breakfast and lunch in their classroom. Before and afterschool activities are not available for pre-kindergarten students.
- DTM starts the day at 8:45 am (doors open at 8:40) and ends at 3:35 pm. (This may be adjusted slightly for the 2018-19 school year.)
- Families are responsible for transporting pre-kindergarten children to and from school.
- 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.

## Is Montessori Right for My Family?

- Montessori is most appropriate for children who are independent, self-directed, and able to honor expectations. Families who support their kids in making decisions within a framework of responsibility often find Montessori programs to be a good fit.
- To request more information about the program, please visit <a href="www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html">www.flintmontessori.org/learn-more.html</a> or call Latausha Wilson at the FCS Early Childhood Office at (810) 767-8018.
- Joining the Montessori pre-kindergarten program is a multi-step process. The first step is to preregister by calling (810) 591-KIDS or completing the form at <a href="www.geneseepreschool.org">www.geneseepreschool.org</a>. Be sure to select Flint Community Schools- Durant Tuuri Mott Montessori as your preferred program. Please let us know when you have done that so we can guide you through the other steps in the process.