Tempe Montessori School

In service of the children since 1978

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The Nido environment is for children 3 months to walking. This special environment is meant to replicate the feeling of home. The Nido room follows the natural development of the child through movement and language. The children are met with warmth, love, care and respect as they develop gross motor, fine motor and executive functions through movement and exploration. Parents and guides will work together to provide cohesive school and home environments for the child and to best support the child through their growth. Our Nido environment provides a comforting place for nursing mothers and visiting parents. We work together following the infant's natural patterns of development as they reach milestones.

Admissions Process

- Take a tour and meet with Administration.
- Observe the classroom.
- Fill out admissions paperwork.
- Schedule a start date for your child.

Please note: Children 5 and older must meet with the teacher before enrollment. Start dates and space availability are subject to change.
### Why Choose Tempe Montessori

- Tempe Montessori School was founded in 1978 and is still owned and operated by the same dedicated family.
- TMS is the only Association Montessori Internationale school in Arizona that is recognized for children 0-12 years.
- We offer an authentic Montessori education which is an education for the whole child. The campus environment provides a rich academic curriculum, practical life skills to foster independence, sensorial experiences for a foundation in language, math, geography and geometry, as well as real life experiences with nature and the community.
- Individualized lesson plans allow the child to follow his/her interests and are presented by caring Guides aiding each child’s development.
- Every Guide has an AMI Diploma which is age appropriate for their students, and all staff is CPR and First Aid certified.
- TMS is conveniently located on Broadway Rd. at the Tempe/ Mesa border, near the 101 freeway, between the 202 and 60 freeways.

### Toddler Education 15 months—3 Years

The children in the Toddler environment experience the world around them through the exploration of their senses. The environment is designed with developmentally appropriate materials to aid in the growth of the child’s intellect, will, coordination of movement, language and practical life skills. The Toddler-age child is a part of their community, by helping others and learning how they can contribute to the classroom and the world around them.

Their focus on verbal communication provides opportunities for the child to communicate his needs and interests with not only the teachers but the children as well. The children have both indoor and outdoor work experiences and playtime. We follow the Toddlers through their natural development to meet their needs. We offer a five day a week program both 1/2 and full days.
Primary Education  3-6 years

The Primary environment is prepared to meet the natural tendencies of the child. Through exploration, orientation, order, communication, repetition, exactness, activity, manipulation, work, and self perfection. It provides an education for the whole child. The work place is both indoor and outdoor in order to connect with nature and to grow. Through repetitive work with the educational materials in the classroom the children engage daily with language, math, and geography as well as practical life and sensorial materials. With this repetition the child is able to challenge himself daily and become fully knowledgeable in their choice of study. The Primary program is a 3 year program. The children complete their Kindergarten year during their third year in the classroom. It is the expectation that children complete the entire 3 year cycle of the Primary Program.

Elementary Education  6-12 Years

Montessori Education continues into the elementary years, building upon itself to meet the changing developmental needs of each child. The elementary aged child gradually moves from the concrete learning ways of the primary years to more abstract ones in elementary. The environment meets the developmental needs each step of the way. All academic areas are presented and interrelated. The elementary teacher acts as a guide for the child as they discover the world and universe around them. Opportunities for growth and success arise without a fear of failure or grade assessment. The elementary environment provides a rich culture of information at the child's fingertips.