

MONTESSORI METHOD

IMA is different from conventional classroom concepts as it blends Montessori principles with the superior academic standard of the International Baccalaureate curriculum including an advanced mathematics program.

The Montessori method is a child-centered alternative educational method for children, based on theories of child development originated by Italian educator and pediatrician Maria Montessori (1870-1952).

The Montessori method is characterized by an emphasis on self-directed activity on the part of the child and clinical observation on the part of the teacher.



It stresses the importance of adapting the child's learning environment to his or her developmental level, and of the role of physical activity in absorbing abstract concepts and practical skills.

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Providing a caring and creative environment so students can develop their intellectual skills to meet the challenges of tomorrow's competitive world.



IMA MISSION

The mission of International Montessori Academy is to nurture children, to respect their imagination, creativity and curiosity.

The Montessori classroom atmosphere encourages social interaction for cooperative learning, peer teaching, and emotional development. This helps the children to understand and enjoy learning.

We provide children with the opportunity to awaken their latent talents and abilities.

The Montessori teaching strategies support and facilitate the uniqueness and academic growth of each individual.



IMA PHILOSOPHY

International Montessori Academy employs unique methods to achieve outstanding outcomes. IMA borrows the one-room school house concept, along with low student teacher ratios to give children the requisite attention and to ensure academic success.

We use the Montessori Method for all of our students. We believe as the developer of the Montessori Method founder, Dr. Maria Montessori did, that writing comes first. At IMA, 3 year olds start to write and by the time the children are in Kindergarten, they are able to write a full creative story. In addition, children learn Math, Science, Geography, History, Sensorial, and Practical Life. Foreign language and Dance are also part of IMA curriculum.



A Reporter's View INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI ACADEMY:

*A First Class Education at a
Middle Class Price*

The city of Southfield boasts one of southeastern Michigan's best kept educational secrets. The International Montessori Academy. (IMA) has a track record of academic excellence that is unmatched by any school in the area. Led by Directress Suparna De, IMA is setting new standards for academic achievement from pre-school through elementary school children. IMA students achieve, on average, two grade levels higher than their present grade on standardized tests, with many students performing as much as four grade levels higher.

Mrs. De believes that it is never too soon to achieve excellence when it comes to academics. "Give me four months and your 4 year old will read", she says. A recent visit to the school revealed children as young as three, counting to a hundred, identifying the planets, and naming countries around on a map.

IMA is one of handful of schools in Michigan that conducts the Iowa Test (a standardized test equivalent to the MEAP). IMA also uses the Trinity College of London, England language and math program which is based on the Montessori method. Mrs. De says, it also helps to build the students' confidence.

