



**Montessori and Me**  
**A New Fall, Winter & Spring 2009 – 2010 Offering for Parents and Toddlers**

The Newburyport Montessori School is offering three sessions of “Montessori and Me” for parents and toddlers, ages 2 – 2 ½, beginning in September. The six (6) week course entitled "Montessori and Me" will provide an introduction to Montessori materials and methods that can be used at home. You may enroll in any or all sessions.

- The Fall session runs from September 25<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. (No Class 10/23)
- The Winter session runs from January 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>. (No Class 2/19)
- The Spring session runs from April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>. (No Class 4/23)

Montessori is a comprehensive educational approach based on the observation of children's natural development. Beginning her work more than a century ago, Dr. Maria Montessori developed this educational approach based on her understanding of children's natural learning tendencies as they unfold in "prepared environments" for multi-age groups (0-3, 3-6).

The Montessori environment contains specially designed manipulative materials that invite children to engage in learning activities of their own choosing. Under the guidance of a trained teacher, children in a Montessori classroom learn by making discoveries with the materials, cultivating concentration, inner motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning.

Pat Dubus, Head Teacher of the Transition Program at Newburyport Montessori School, will lead the program. Pat has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Development and a Master's Degree in Social Work. Pat served as the Director of a Head Start program that incorporated Montessori philosophy and methodology. She was an early organizer of the Commonwealth's Office for Children (now known as the Department of Early Education and Care), and worked with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Pat also created KIDSTART, a program for homeless preschoolers with pronounced developmental delays, in Boston. The model was replicated throughout the country. Pat has been a Montessori grandparent for many years. Seven of her grandchildren have attended Newburyport Montessori School. Pat also began her American Montessori Society training this summer.

The “Montessori and Me” class will be held in the Transition classroom, a prepared environment typical of Montessori toddler programs. Parents or other caregivers will observe and participate as their children work with child-sized materials, paint and build. They will learn finger plays, songs and rhymes and listen to stories together.

The class will be offered on Fridays from 9:15 -10:45 a.m., beginning in September. **Parents must attend with their children and enrollment is limited.** Tuition is \$190.00. For further information, please contact the Newburyport Montessori School at 978-462-7165.

----- **Registration for “Montessori and Me”** -----

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to enroll in the parent/toddler six (6) week Montessori and Me program on Friday mornings from 9:15 - 10:45 beginning Friday, **September 25<sup>th</sup> and ending November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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\_\_\_\_ Payment in the amount of \$190.00 per session is enclosed.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**A confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form and payment. If the class is full, we will promptly return your payment or provide you with the option of attending the next session of “Montessori and Me”.**