

# The Children's House



## ... of Wellington

Making good decisions for our children is something that all parents take pride in. One of the most important decisions that parents have to make is where they will send their child to school. At the Children's House of Wellington we recognize that each parent works hard to find the right environment for their child. Parents who make early learning a priority search for the right teachers, facility and learning equipment. For many this translates to one type of school: A Montessori School. Although many use the term Montessori, only a few stay close to its philosophy. Children's House of Wellington sets itself apart by remaining close to Maria Montessori's teachings and philosophies.

### **What is Montessori?**

Montessori recognizes a child's spontaneous urge to learn. Dr. Montessori, an Italian physician and founder of the Montessori philosophy, believed that children possess an intrinsic desire to explore, discover and learn about their environment.

The Children's House of Wellington believes in the observations of Dr. Montessori:

- Each child carries within him or her, the person he will someday become.
- Each child is different.
- Each child develops and learns at his or her own rate.
- Preschool years are a critical time for learning. Leading psychologists affirm that a child absorbs 50 percent of his mature intelligence by age four.
- Montessori children are taught how to soak up information from their environment. These education guidelines produce confident, competent learners for life.

While learning more about Montessori philosophy, a more relevant question in selecting a school is to consider how well it matches your child. One educational approach is not necessarily the right approach for every learner. The wisest course is to seek out the best fit, not only between the student and the school, but also between the parents' values and goals for their child's education and what a given school can realistically deliver. We believe finding the right school for Mom and Dad is as important as finding the right school for the child.

Visit our school and discover for yourself the harmony, peaceful ambiance and practical applications of everyday life

In making a school selection, trust your eyes, ears, and gut instincts. Nothing beats personal observation. We encourage each parent to tour the classroom. During your visit, note both the equipment and classroom set up.

### **The Montessori Learning Environment**

**A Child-Centered Environment:** The focus of activity in a Montessori setting is on children's learning, not on teachers' teaching. Generally student work individually or in small, self-selected groups. There are very few whole group lessons.

**A Responsive Prepared Environment:** The environment is designed to meet the needs, interests, abilities, and development of the children. Our teachers design and adapt the environment keeping in mind the community of children. And where necessary, rapidly modify the selection of educational materials, the physical layout, and the tone of the class to make the best fit to the needs of the children.