

## About The Church Academy in Livingston (Montessori Method)

The Church Academy is a Christian school that uses the Montessori method of teaching. The Montessori method offers an enriched learning environment for children that enhance their love of learning.

Components necessary for a program to be considered Montessori include multiage groupings that foster peer learning, uninterrupted blocks of work time, and guided choice of work activity. In addition, we have specially designed Montessori learning materials that are meticulously arranged and available for use in an aesthetically pleasing environment.

The teacher, child, and environment create a learning triangle. The classroom is prepared by the teacher to encourage independence, freedom within limits, and a sense of order. The child, through individual choice, makes use of what the environment offers to develop himself, interacting with the teacher when support and/or guidance is needed. Multiage groupings are a hallmark of the Montessori Method: younger children learn from older children; older children reinforce their learning by teaching concepts they have already mastered. This arrangement also mirrors the real world, where individuals work and socialize with people of all ages and dispositions.

The curriculum includes but is not limited to letter, number, color, phonetic sound recognition, global and cultural awareness. Our program offers a reading program to all children who display readiness for reading, regardless of

age. We also have daily activities to develop pre-writing and writing skills. Leadership skills are taught and modeled at carpet time and throughout the day.

During our music program children will learn sign language, basic rhythm and bell choir.

Outdoor play is a very important part of our school curriculum. We will allow children to play outside every day as the weather permits.

We realize that the partnership between school and family is instrumental in helping a child develop his or her full potential. Parents will have many serving opportunities throughout the year such as: making classroom materials, landscaping, room parents, driving for field trips, listening to students read, gardening with the students, Take charge of box tops for education and much more.

Spiritual education at The Church Academy in Livingston is considered of equal importance for your child's future happiness. Stories from the Bible, with the main focus being on God's eternal love for all mankind, will be taught through the use of felt boards, songs, puppetry, and crafts.

The Church Academy in Livingston's Principal is Kelli Brock. She has a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. She is also a part of Montessori World Educational Institute training. Kelli serves as a Children's Ministry Overseer at The Church in Livingston. The Church Academy in Livingston commits to provide a safe, enriched, learning environment that will enhance your child's love of learning.