

"The education of young children
does not
aim at preparing them for school,
but for life."

- Dr. Maria Montessori

Specializing in
meeting the
unique needs of
all children

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information

Daily Schedule

"...education is a natural process spontaneously carried out..."
-Dr. Maria Montessori

We meet Monday – Friday. Attending school on a daily basis facilitates strong social skills and provides plenty of opportunity for spontaneous learning and numerous occasions for children to teach and inspire each other.

Our School Year

Learning Tree follows the MCCSC calendar in regard to most school closings, seasonal breaks and holidays. The age for enrollment is 30 months through Kindergarten.

Our Tuition

- **Half Day Mornings** **\$2000/year**
- **Half Day Afternoons** **\$2000/year**
- **Full Days** **\$3700/year**

Tuition can be paid in 10 equal payments. There is a one-time non-refundable fee of \$100 due at time of application.

Our Lead Teacher

"Model to the child methods that lead to his independence."
-Dr. Maria Montessori

Kim Schilke has been teaching for over 25 years. She has a passion for guiding young children's development to reach their fullest potential. In her Bachelor's and Master's programs at Indiana University, Kim majored in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood and Special Education. Her teaching license covers Preschool, Kindergarten, General Education through grade 8, Learning Disabilities, Emotional Handicap and Mild Mental Handicap. Kim also earned the Montessori Pre-Primary Certification.

a typical day

What do we do?

Curriculum

"Never let a child risk failure unless he has a reasonable chance for success."
-Dr. Maria Montessori

We follow Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy of individualized skill development, guided instruction, and quality learning throughout the school day. Thus, we offer a highly-structured, child-centered curriculum in a language-rich environment where children become independent learners. Our Montessori-developed materials are presented individually as each child is ready and cover all aspects of children's development - social, cognitive and communication. Bible stories, author studies, mathematics, functional living skills and visual and language arts are part of our daily experience.

Daily Routine

"Never do for a child what he is capable of doing for himself."
-Dr. Maria Montessori

As children arrive, they settle into a long, uninterrupted work time; providing occasion for children to engage in a wide variety of activities. Each work option is designed to develop and reinforce age-appropriate skills. During this time, children are encouraged to select activities and make self-directed choices, while our highly trained staff works with individuals and small groups of children.

Each session ends with a group meeting, during which we sing, read and share stories and experiences in a community setting. Also a light, healthy snack is provided daily.

Physical fitness is an important part of our day. Outdoor play is preferred; however, when weather does not permit us to venture out, we have a wonderful gym.

Learning Tree is a registered childcare ministry. This Christian Montessori program is an outreach of the SOCC Children's Ministry

request an application

Fill out this form to receive an application. Tape it closed with the address showing, add postage and drop it in the mail.

Parents' name _____

Child's name _____

Child's birth date _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

lunch & location

Lunch

Children who are at school all day bring lunch from home. Everyone unpacks their food, sings a song and sits to eat in a family-style setting. Appropriate conversation and table manners are modeled and encouraged. Children take the responsibility of cleaning their space.

Location

We are located on the lower floor of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Accessibility is provided through Door 13/14.

have questions?

For more information contact:

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Visit www.socc.org for more information.