# The Montessori-Waldorf Blend: A Curriculum for wholesome growth

- Warm, Home-like Environment Natural materials, soft tones, and rhythmic routines create a calm, beautiful atmosphere where children feel safe, valued, and inspired.
- **Experienced, Nurturing Educators** Our teachers are trained in both Montessori and Waldorf methodologies, ensuring balanced guidance rooted in respect, rhythm, and observation.

### Montessori strength

Practical life, sensorial learning

Self-paced, individualized lessons

Focus on order and concentration

Early math and language foundations

Prepared environment encourages autonomy

### waldorf strength

Imaginative play and storytelling

Rhythmic group learning and seasonal themes

Cultivates mindfulness and inner calm

Artistic, nature-based expression

Natural materials encourage sensory wonder

### the Fusian benefit

Children develop independence and creativity

Balances self-direction with community rhythm

Emphasis on beauty and emotional warmth

Builds both logic and imagination

Fosters connection to the real world

### **Our Learning Focus by Age Group**

Infants (6 weeks - 18 months)

Gentle rhythm of feeding, sleeping, and exploration Emphasis on attachment, trust, and sensory stimulation Introduction to sign language, music, and tactile play

### Toddlers (18 months - 3 years)

Practical life skills: pouring, cleaning, dressing Early language and motor development through movement and music Introduction to colors, counting, nature walks, and simple art Guided social interactions for empathy and kindness

### Pre-K (3 - 5 years)

Pre-literacy and numeracy through play-based Montessori materials Nature study, handcrafts, watercolor painting, storytelling, and seasonal rhythms Building independence and community responsibility Mindfulness and emotional self-regulation

keep in mind a child who shows signs of advanced development will be moved up to the higher group

## OUR Curriculum

to engage children in active and meaningful ways. Featuring hands-on activities, exploration opportunities, and process-focused learning, the curriculum is aimed at sparking curiosity in young learners.

### Literacy & Language Development

Introduce daily storytime and phonemic activities.

Encourage children to draw storyboards that link to their favorite books.

Provide props in the dramatic play area for imaginative reenactments.

### **Play-Based Learning**

Incorporate loose parts,
manipulatives, and
sensory activities that allow
children to build, sort, or classify
items while they problem-solve
independently. Use openended questions to help them
articulate their experiences.

### **STEM Exploration**

Plan activities that focus on observation and experimentation, such as planting seeds to track growth or creating simple machines with blocks and gears. Enhance understanding by prompting questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" or "What patterns can you notice?"

### Life Skills

Engage children in real tasks like setting the table, preparing snacks, or caring for plants.

These hands-on practices teach patience, collaboration, and responsibility while reinforcing practical knowledge.

### **Arts and Creativity**

Avoid focusing solely on the final product. Promote creative thinking by providing flexible materials such as paint, clay, or collage supplies.

Document children's progress using tools like brightwheel and share these moments with families.

#### **Seasonal Themes**

Align creative lesson plans with seasonal changes or holidays. For fall, explore leaves and seed pods. For spring, introduce water play and plant life cycles.

Sharing monthly themes with families also increases their ability to engage at home.