



CREEKSIDE MONTESSORI

Aspect	Traditional Preschool	Montessori Preschool	Creekside Montessori PLUS + STEAM and Elementary Readiness Skills
Educational Philosophy	Teacher-directed, focuses on group learning and standardized curriculum	Child-centered, focuses on individual learning and development	Our teachers introduce activities to children and then allow them to pursue their own interests, all while carefully observing and supporting their progress, integrating STEAM elements throughout the curriculum.
Focus on Independence	Focus on following instructions and working in teams.	Strong emphasis on independence, self-care, and responsibility	We emphasize helping children develop independence, responsibility, accountability, and community interdependence by varying the classroom learning process to include structured instruction and teamwork, preparing them for both Montessori and traditional elementary environments.
Role of the Teacher	Mainly group instruction	Mainly individual instruction	Teachers both provides whole classroom instructions and works closely with children, both individually and in small groups, to ensure they fully grasp tasks and concepts, fostering a deep understanding and encouraging self-directed learning.
Curriculum Structure	Structured, separate subjects, teacher-directed activities	Prepared environment with specific Montessori materials that promote hands-on learning.	Montessori-specific areas of exploration designed to teach specific concepts, encouraging exploration. At Creekside, we integrate age-appropriate STEAM activities to foster a well-rounded education and preparation for success in the 21st century.
Age Grouping	Same-age grouping	Mixed-age grouping, encouraging learning at different experience levels	In our mixed-age environment, older children share their knowledge with younger peers, fostering positive exchanges and enhancing learning through collaborative and interactive activities.
Learning Reinforcement	Learning is reinforced externally by repetition and rewards	Child reinforces learning through repetition and feelings of success	The more a child engages with a particular task or activity, the more confident and competent they become, with a strong emphasis on self-motivation and personal accomplishment.
Behavior Management	Use of rewards and punishments	Emphasis on intrinsic motivation and self-discipline, fostering self-regulation	Creekside Montessori focuses on holistic development, incorporating wellness practices such as yoga and deep breathing exercises to support emotional well-being and self-regulation.
Extracurricular Activities	Scheduled separately, may include arts, sports, etc.	Integrated into daily learning, often includes practical life skills like cooking and cleaning	Creekside offers a range of extracurricular activities, seamlessly integrated into the daily curriculum, including nature projects, arts, practical life skills, and more to enrich the overall learning experience.
Student Assessment	Periodic tests and summative assessments	Continuous observation and formative assessment tailored to individual progress	Our teachers are trained to observe and support each child's individual journey, ensuring they feel seen, heard, and appreciated for their unique strengths and challenges. Each Student has an Individual Portfolio with detailed records of their progress.
Parental Involvement	Varies, often includes scheduled conferences and updates	High level of involvement and communication, fostering a strong school community	We maintain a high level of parental involvement and communication, building a strong school community and ensuring that parents are partners in their child's educational experience.
Overall Goal	Academic readiness and social skills development	Develop the whole child (cognitive, emotional, social, physical) to foster lifelong learning and adaptability	At Creekside, our goal is to develop the whole child—cognitively, emotionally, socially, and physically—fostering lifelong learning and adaptability, with an added focus on preparing them for success in both Montessori and traditional elementary school settings.



Investing in Your Child's Future

At Creekside Montessori, we believe that the early years of a child's life are the most crucial in shaping their future. By choosing our blended program, you are making an investment in a comprehensive, holistic education that goes beyond traditional learning methods.

Our program is designed to cultivate not only academic excellence but also emotional intelligence, creativity, and critical thinking skills—qualities that will serve your child well throughout their life.

Value of a Creekside Education

We understand that choosing the right educational environment for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. At Creekside, we are committed to providing an exceptional learning experience that combines the best of Montessori philosophy with modern STEAM education and elementary classroom readiness preparation. This unique blend ensures that your child is not only well-prepared for the academic challenges ahead but also equipped with the skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Tuition Rates (August 2024)

Rates for new children – those starting after August 1, 2023 – effective through May 25, 2025.
Rates may change again on May 25, 2025.

Full time:

3 years to school age = \$1,360/month.

Deposit:

\$300 – due with signed enrollment contract.

Monthly fee to hold an open spot prior to child's start date:
\$400/month.

Sibling Discount:

10% off the oldest child's rate.

Making a Lasting Impact

The decision to enroll your child at Creekside Montessori is a commitment to their future success. The skills and values they will learn here—creativity, resilience, critical thinking, and compassion—are not just for the classroom but for life. Our program lays the foundation for academic achievement and personal growth, ensuring your child is ready to excel in elementary school and beyond.