

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

James Simons Montessori School is a safe, inclusive and supportive public Montessori community. We inspire students to become confident, motivated and successful life-long learners.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Teachers administer assessments throughout the year to gain a better understanding of the learning needs of our students.

State and District Assessments are used to help guide instruction as well. These assessments include:

- SC Ready & SC PASS
- iReady & MAP testing
- GT Assessments
- Bridges & Illustrative Unit Assessments
- EL Assessments
- KRA Assessments
- myIGDIs Assessments
- Fastbridge Assessments

RECENT TESTING DATA

Fall to Spring iReady & MAP Growth - 2022 2023 SY			
Percent of students meeting their Typical Growth Target			
Reading		Math	
Grade	JSM %age	Grade	JSM %age
1	59	1	49
2	78	2	59
3	57	3	22
4	54	4	42
5	55	5	39
6	54	6	38
7	56	7	69
8	50	8	75



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JAMES SIMONS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

James Simons Montessori School enjoys a rich past of educating Charleston's children. James Simons was one of the first schools in Charleston to desegregate in the 1960's. Ten years ago Maria Montessori's method was introduced to James Simons students and today we educate 3-year-olds through eighth graders.

LOWER EL

Students begin following their interests, exploring the ideas of research, creativity and personal choices how they reflect their understanding and knowledge of a topic. Math concepts are introduced with manipulatives and develop to abstraction.

UPPER EL

Nine to twelve year olds continue the journey into abstraction into ever more complex fields of study. Observation of the environments will offer children an opportunity to develop skills across content areas. The detailed study of Fundamentals Needs of Man goes deeper into comparison of time periods, cultures, and the motivation behind decisions and actions taken in the history of mankind.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School curriculum involves many small group activities that encourage and educate a sense of community, cooperation and active problem solving. Active engagement and readily available feedback produce independent, yet engaged, young citizens who maintain senses of both wonder and responsibility.

THE MONTESSORI METHOD

The Montessori method is an educational approach developed by Italian physician, Maria Montessori. It has been popular all over the world for over 100 years.

The approach focuses on independence, hands-on learning and a thoughtfully prepared environment that allows the child to grow in all the main developmental areas.

The Seven Tenets of Montessori

1. Play is Work
2. Prepared Environment
3. Observation
4. Freedom within Limits
5. Respect
6. Hands On Learning
7. Independence

PRIMARY

The Primary program encourages young children to fine-tune their senses, improve muscular coordination, develop language and math skills, and respect the global human family.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Adolescent Program
Basketball
Book Fair
Character Education
Daily Run Student News Show
Field Day
Gifted and Talented (SAIL)
Grade Level Music Performances
GreenHeart
Kaleidoscope
MakerSpace
Mini-Courses and Electives
MLK Jr. Parade
Montessori Level Up Night
Restorative Practices
Robotics and Coding
Spanish
Spelling Bee
Strings & Band
Track
Volleyball
Yoga

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The parents and community members are invested in the education of all students. There are currently over 25 active business partners. Parents and community members volunteer for reading buddies, career exploration, mentoring, PTO, and character education.