



Montessori School
of Baton Rouge

Montessori School of Baton Rouge Toddler Program

The Toddler Program at MSBR is designed for children 18 months to 3 years of age. This stage of life is characterized by tremendous physical and cognitive growth with a driving need to be independent. Toddlers learn by exploring rich environments with their five senses and lots of active interaction with prepared adults.

Our Montessori Toddler classroom provides a safe, home-like environment for your child to learn to care for themselves and others while becoming independent. The work is tailored to the child's natural development, and they do it joyfully.

Our Classroom Features

- **Language Development:** Each class is rich with materials to help the child's vocabulary and communication skills grow. Plenty of one-on-one work with teachers offers constant opportunity for active conversation to build their verbal skills.
- **Confidence & Practical Life:** Montessori practical life exercises allow the child to perform real-world, purposeful activities they can choose and complete independently.
- **Gross Motor Development:** Children need to move, and the class welcomes and encourages this movement. Class materials, group movement, and free play all help your child grow stronger and more coordinated.
- **Fine Motor Development:** These skills involve small muscles in the fingers, hands, and wrists and support your child's ability to dress and feed themselves, write, and more. Class materials provide many opportunities to practice these movements in various engaging ways.
- **Social & Emotional Development:** Independence, self-control, and care of self and others will be developed under the patient guidance of the teachers. The child is given freedom with clear limits to practice appropriate behaviors and learn how to be part of a community.
- **Cognitive Development:** The classroom environment is designed to encourage exploration and freedom to develop neural connections needed to build a solid foundation for learning.
- **Toilet Independence:** Learning to use the toilet independently is an important part of toddler development. Our Montessori guides know how to watch for the signs that a child is ready, and how to motivate him to learn without pressure. Your child will have access to bathrooms which are just his size, and we'll share comfortable rhythms and routines that make using the toilet familiar and appealing.

"...the child, who can now walk and feels confident of his strength, begins to notice the actions of those about him, and tries to do the same things. In this period he imitates not because someone has told him to do so, but because of a deep inner need which he feels."

~ Dr. Maria Montessori