



# GRADE SCHOOL GUIDE

## KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE

### MONTESSORI

- ❖ Individualized learning
  - “follow the child”
- ❖ Adaptable curriculum based on needs of classroom
- ❖ Manipulative based curriculum
- ❖ No homework
- ❖ Multi-age classrooms
- ❖ Heavy emphasis on education of the whole child:
  - Social/Emotional
  - Physical
  - Cognitive
- ❖ Grace and courtesy
- ❖ Peace education

### TRADITIONAL

- ❖ Group learning
- ❖ Set curriculum based on state or nation-wide standards
- ❖ Worksheet and workbook based curriculum
- ❖ Homework
- ❖ Heavy emphasis on academics
- ❖ Same-age classrooms

If your child turns 5 years old on or before October 1, 2023, then they are eligible to enroll in our 2022-2023 school year!

For questions regarding enrollment, curriculum, tuition, availability or tours, please contact us at:  
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## WILDFLOWER MONTESSORI'S APPROACH

As educators, our ultimate goal is to prepare the child for their next stage of development; to give them all the tools we can to promote independence, confidence and understanding so they can be successful when they leave our doors. Here in the Northland, and most of the Kansas City Metro area, the majority of children will be attending a public or private school that practices a more traditional style of teaching. At Wildflower Montessori, we believe there are benefits to both a Montessori and traditional approach to learning. We have taken a more modern approach to make sure our children are as prepared as they can possibly be.

### HOW WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN

- ❖ The philosophy behind the Montessori approach is ever present in our school and all classrooms, the Grade School included.
- ❖ We educate the whole child and believe a child's social and emotional development is just as important as a child's cognitive development.
- ❖ We teach the children to recognize and cope with uncomfortable emotions, to problem solve and we promote peace education.
- ❖ We use traditional Common Core Standards for each grade level to make sure our children are where they need to be academically, but we also follow them if they are ready to move past "grade level."
- ❖ We use both Montessori manipulative materials as well as traditional workbooks and worksheets to bridge concepts from the concrete to the abstract.
- ❖ Most importantly, we follow the child! We believe in teaching to the individual child because that is what they are; individuals with unique needs, learning styles and gifts.
- ❖ This creates such a strong foundation and love of learning that the children will carry with them when they leave our school and beyond.



## GRADE SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

**7:30-8:30am** Breakfast & Before School Care

**8:45-9:15am** Morning Recess

**9:15-9:45am** Circle Time, Calendar & Story Time

**9:45-10:30am** Individual Montessori Work Time

**10:30-10:45am** Morning Snack

**10:45-11:45am** Small Group Lessons & Montessori Work Time

**11:45am-12:00pm** Quiet Reading & Lunch Set-up

**12:00-12:30pm** Lunch

**12:30-12:45pm** Clean-up & Quiet Reading

**12:45-1:30pm** Afternoon Recess

**1:30-3:00pm** Large Group Lessons

**3:00-3:30pm** Afternoon Snack | Afternoon Circle & Story Time

**3:30-5:30pm** After School Care