

## A UNIQUE WAY OF LEARNING

The West Ottawa Montessori program began in 2000 and continues to expand. With eight classrooms, the Montessori program now engages kindergarten through fifth grade learners. The Montessori students take part in all the school has to offer.

The program not only stresses the methods of Dr. Maria Montessori, but also provides the rigor of content to ensure all students are College, Career and Life Ready!



## OBSERVATION WALKTHROUGHS

Come and see for yourself! West Ottawa welcomes parents to experience the Montessori Program in person through Open Houses and tours. Contact us for more information (616)786-1800.

Applications are available at

Waukazoo Elementary

1294 W. Lakewood Blvd.

Holland, MI 49424

Or

on-line at

[www.westottawa.net/montessori/](http://www.westottawa.net/montessori/)

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*The Montessori  
Program  
at Waukazoo  
Elementary School*



**Follow the child!**

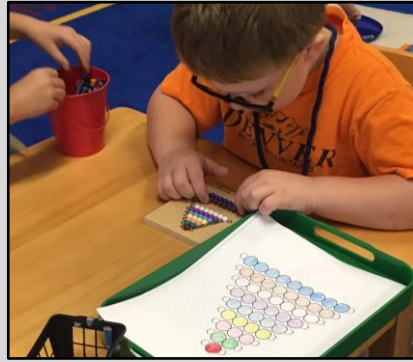
## About Montessori at West Ottawa

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As students enter the Montessori classroom to begin a new day, their first task is to consider their work plan. This plan is individualized to student interest and learning style, and guided by the teacher to ensure mastery of learning targets.

Students work individually or collaboratively with all age levels. Some students are with the teacher in a presentation, but most are self-directed as they move through their plans to master content and skills. Children move frequently from one learning activity to another.

Teachers check-in on a regular basis to monitor progress, facilitate skills, and encourage students. Educational ownership is high because students are pivotal in the learning process.



### The Montessori Method

The Montessori Method is a holistic educational approach that encourages independence and freedom to assist in developing self-directed learners.

Montessori teachers follow students at their own individual learning level. Within the prepared environment, multi-aged groupings provide opportunities for peer tutoring and cooperative learning by using Montessori materials that are hands-on and often self-correcting.

This method of instruction increases self-confidence, intrinsic motivation, excitement for learning and academic achievement!

The Montessori Curriculum Includes: Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, Language, Art and Cultural Studies. All which are embedded in the foundational skills of Organization, Coordination, Concentration, and Independence.

### Montessori Kindergarten



### Lower Montessori



### Upper Montessori

