

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Research based, Montessori Education is recognized worldwide as a successful alternative to traditional teaching methods
- Participates with North American Montessori Teacher's Association (NAMTA)
- Montessori Parent Education nights
- Teachers hold Montessori certificates in addition to state teaching certification
- Cultural, arts, and nature study field trips provide real-life experiences that connect directly with classroom research

HOW TO APPLY

Only students who live in the southern portion of Pinellas County can apply to this school during the designated application period. Please check the district website at www.pcsb.org for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is provided to students who live more than two miles from the school. Magnet bus stop locations may require that parents drive their children to and from the stop.



OUR MISSION

We believe in our students. Gulfport Elementary School's mission is to guide and empower our students while we all learn and develop in our global community.



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Montessori Academy

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GULFPORT ELEMENTARY



MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

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look • explore • discover

ABOUT US

Gulfport Elementary offers an authentic Montessori education focusing on each student's individual learning in grades K-5 following the Florida core standards. Hands-on, didactic materials developed by Dr. Maria Montessori are presented to students based on each individual's learning style and developmental level. Multi-aged classrooms in 1-5, create a trusting learning environment among students and teacher. Students are encouraged to explore, inquire, and collaborate with peers in learning communities. Montessori students are self-disciplined, independent thinkers with strong interpersonal skills ready to face the challenges of middle school and beyond.

areas of study

PRACTICAL LIFE, SENSORIAL, LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS

The Montessori studies begin at the Kindergarten level, where young learners are introduced to work in the four areas of the classroom: practical life, sensorial, language, and mathematics. Dr. Montessori referred to these four areas of the Montessori prepared environment as a means to "provide the keys to understanding the world." During their work in the kindergarten classroom, children develop the ability to focus on a task for extended periods of time. Focused work allows children to develop deep concentration and an understanding of logical sequence. Skills developed by the Kindergarten student lay the

groundwork for physical, mental, and social development. The child enters Lower Elementary with work habits that support success in all academic areas. For this reason, Maria Montessori referred to the elementary curriculum as "Cosmic Education". The student wants to understand not only the world, but the entire universe. Repetition of work with didactic materials becomes increasingly difficult. Students' work requires use of critical thinking skills and development of abstract reasoning. The cultural curriculum studies integrate history, geography, mathematics, science, biology, botany, language, literature, art and music. "Great Lessons"

what is a magnet?

Magnet programs focus on a certain theme with specialized curriculum in areas such as arts, communication, science and technology, and gifted studies. Some programs have eligibility requirements. Only students living in the southern portion of the county may apply to this school.

provide the framework for integrating studies as students learn about the story of the universe, life on Earth, and development of humanity.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Montessori-certified teachers and an assistant in each classroom
- Social etiquette instruction using Grace and Courtesy lessons
- Montessori learning communities develop confident, self-directed lifelong learners
- Students develop higher level thinking skills moving from concrete to abstract understanding
- Montessori peace curriculum develops students' ability to independently resolve social conflicts
- Students learn using didactic, self-correcting Montessori materials
- Student produced daily news show

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