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Dear Parents,

Thank you for inquiring about Hillside Montessori School. At our school, we offer a Montessori program which is caring and stimulating, while catering to each child's sensitive periods during the important formative years. In this special environment, a child's natural ability and eagerness to learn is fostered. The sense of "community" achieved in the classroom offers each child a heightened sense of order, awareness, respect for others and most importantly, respect for him or herself.

We are currently accepting applications for our Primary Casa Program ages 2 ½ -6 for the year 2007-2008. If you are interested in registering your child and would like to come by to visit our school, please call or e-mail dianapace@sympatico.ca to set up an appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ms. Pace- Asciak
Program Supervisor



Location

Our school is located in "Humber Valley United Church", at 76 Anglesey Blvd. (Just North of Rathburn East of Islington)

Admission and Discharge

This program is for students age three (toilet trained) to six years old. New students are accepted into the program before their 4th birthday. Children may start in our half day program at the age of 2 ½ . Parents are obligated to give 1 month written notice if their child is to be withdrawn from the program. Hillside Montessori School has the right to discharge a child from the program for inappropriate or violent behaviour.

Sessions Offered

5 Full Days 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 5 Half Days A.M. 9:00 – 11:30 or P.M. 1:30 – 4:00
Before and After school program offered 8:00 – 9:00 and 4:00- 6:00.

The school year runs from September to June. Re- registration for next school year & summer program is in February. Holidays observed: Thanksgiving, Christmas (two weeks), March Break (one week), Easter, Victoria Day and 4 Professional Development Days.

Staff

The Montessori teachers at Hillside Montessori School hold an age appropriate diploma from an accredited Montessori teacher training institute. Our Behavioural Management Policy is followed by all staff members employed at Hillside Montessori School. Staff evaluations are reviewed every 6 months. The Student / Teacher ratio is 8:1. Scheduled Parent/Teacher interviews are in December and a written report in June.

Program

The Montessori Philosophy was established almost 100 years ago by Dr. Maria Montessori. Her method of education emphasizes and develops the potential of the child by utilizing special teaching materials, a prepared environment and teachers who have been specially trained. The classroom consists of five areas: **Practical Life, Sensorial Materials, Language, Mathematics and Cultural Activities.** Within these areas the child develops coordination, concentration, good work habits and self – confidence. In addition to our program we offer French lessons, computers in the before and after school program, an outdoor playground and creative activities.

Lunches and Snacks

Nutritious snacks are provided by the School. Parents provide a nutritious lunch for their child.

Nap

For children who still require a nap have the opportunity to sleep in our sleep room for up to 2 hours. Children who do not nap stay in the classroom for a quiet work period.



DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00am – 9:00am	Before school program: quiet play time
9:00am – 9:15am	Circle: Calendar, Weather & Weekly Theme
9:15am – 11:00am	Montessori Work Period: Individual Presentations in Practical life, Sensorial, Language, Mathematics & Cultural Areas. Small group French lessons. Snack
11:00am - 12:00pm	Outdoor Playtime
11:30am	Program Ends
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Lunch Preparation / Hand washing / Lunch
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Story Time Rest time until 2:30pm for Children who require a nap
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Montessori Work Period. As children wake from their nap they also join work period. Snack
4:00pm	Circle (pick up time for children who are not enrolled in the after school program)
4:00pm – 5:00pm	After school program begins. Outdoor Play Time.
5:00pm 6:00pm	Indoor Play Time / Arts & Crafts

