

# Kindergarten Open House



Top Reasons to Choose the  
Full-Day Kindergarten Program  
at Westmont

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# Sophisticated Curriculum

- ☞ The Westmont curriculum meets or exceeds the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in all areas.
- ☞ Children move at their own pace through the curriculum instead of being held to the pace of the teacher's lesson plans
- ☞ Assessments are conducted throughout the Kindergarten year



# A Pivotal Year in Education

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- ❧ Curriculum builds, or scaffolds, on itself to culminate in the Kindergarten year.
- ❧ As child's mind develops the ability to take concrete information and use it in abstract ways, concepts like reading and mathematical reasoning develop quickly with the use of familiar materials.

# Familiar and Supportive Environment

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- ❧ Familiar children, classrooms, and teachers provide for a safe learning environment in which the child can flourish during this pivotal year.
- ❧ There is no “starting over,” since teachers already know your child and their educational needs.



# Role Model Year Builds Self-Confidence and Higher-Level Thinking



- ☞ Children can give lessons to younger children, requiring them to consolidate and organize their knowledge, a skill that studies have shown provides great benefits
- ☞ Opportunity to help lead the circle and speak in front of a group



# Teaching Students How to Learn

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- ☞ Ability to apply knowledge in a different context
- ☞ Time-Management
- ☞ Problem-Solving
- ☞ Curiosity encouraged



# Lessons Tailored to Each Child

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- ☞ Children move through curriculum as they master it
- ☞ Teachers tailor lessons to entice each child



# Kindness and Respect



- ❧ The multi-age EC classrooms foster both respect and empathy.
- ❧ Peace education and conflict resolution methods empower children to confidently express their feelings while respecting the feelings of others.



# Development of Self-Discipline

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- ❧ Lesson plans and personal goals help the child to self-discipline.
- ❧ Learned respect for their classroom and classmates make self-discipline a natural occurrence.



# Smoothen Transition into Traditional Schools

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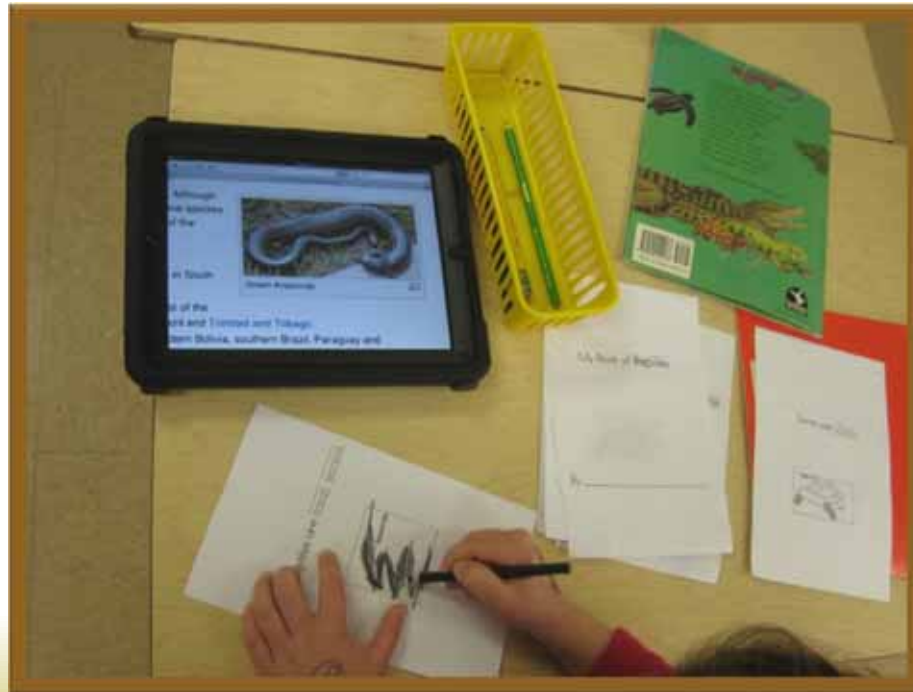
- With children participating in the Kindergarten year half of the day in their familiar EC classroom and the other half of the day in a same-age classroom, they are provided an opportunity to transition easier into the traditional, same-age classrooms of most elementary schools.



# Technology



- iPads for research and various app use
- Mimeo (Smart) Board
- Keyboarding lessons



# Activities and Community Service Just for our Kindergarteners



- Annual Kindergarten Play
- Pre-corder Lessons
- Singing at Holly Manor Retirement Home
- Multiple Field Trips
- Stone Soup Lunch
- 100 Day Celebration and donations
- Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony



# Notable Montessori Students

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- ∞ Larry Page and Sergey Brin, founders of Google
- ∞ Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon
- ∞ Chelsea Clinton
- ∞ Will Wright, video game designer of SimCity
- ∞ Julia Child
- ∞ Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia
- ∞ Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Laureate in Literature
- ∞ Anne Frank