



Shooting Stars Program

Aspect	Traditional Program	Shooting Stars Authentic Montessori Program
Philosophy	Teacher-centered; focuses on structured learning and instruction.	Child-centered; focuses on self-directed learning and exploration.
Classroom Environment	Uniform layout with desks and tables; limited variety of materials.	Prepared environment with a variety of materials designed for exploration and development.
Curriculum	Standardized curriculum; typically divided by subject and age group.	Integrated curriculum: children work at their own pace on various activities across subjects.
Role of Teacher	Instructor or authority figure, often directing learning activities.	Guide or facilitator, observing and supporting children's individual learning paths.
Learning Style	Passive learning: children often learn through listening and following instructions.	Active learning: children learn through hands-on experiences and self-discovery.
Age Grouping	Children are typically grouped by age, such as 2-3 years, 3-4 years, etc.	Mixed-age grouping, often in 2 or 3-year spans, allowing for peer learning and collaboration.
Assessment	Formal testing and grading based on performance standards.	Continuous observation and assessment; focus on individual progress rather than grades.
Materials Used	Standard educational tools and textbooks.	Specialized Montessori materials designed for hands-on learning and skill development.
Social Interaction	Limited, structured interaction; teacher-led activities.	Emphasis on collaborative learning; children are encouraged to work together and help each other.
Independence	Limited opportunities for self-direction; activities are often teacher-led.	Strong emphasis on independence; children choose their activities and work at their own pace.
Learning Focus	Focus on academic skills and knowledge.	Focus on holistic development, including cognitive, emotional, social, and physical growth.
Parental Involvement	Varies by institution; often limited to scheduled events and meetings.	Encouraged as an active part of the child's education; frequent communication with parents.
Creativity and Imagination	Creativity is structured and often limited to art and playtime.	Creativity is integrated into all aspects of learning, allowing for spontaneous expression.
Goals	Focus on meeting academic benchmarks and preparing for the next school level.	Focus on developing a love for learning, independence, and critical thinking skills.



Tuition Rates as of June 2024

Full time:

0-1 years old = \$1,990/month.

1-2 years old = \$1,850/month.

2-3 years old = \$1,600/month.

3-5 years old = \$1,360/month.

Drop-In Care:

\$90/day as needed, all ages up to 5 years old.

Late Fee:

\$10 for every 5 minutes of care after regular school closing time.

Deposit:

\$250 – due with signed enrollment contract.

Monthly fee to hold an open spot:

\$400/month.

Sibling Discount:

10% off of oldest child's rate.

*We do not offer care for children older than 5 years old or part-time care.