

## Testimonials

"I have always felt that the most important thing is for a young child to like school and enjoy learning. My son loves DMS. When he was four, he really didn't understand why there wasn't school on weekends too. Even after three years he is still eager to go everyday."

-Dave, Parent of Elementary Student

*"After just a few months of going to the school, our friends and family noticed a huge change in my girls. My once shy and quiet girls displayed a new found confidence and social poise. Their manners were impeccable, they held their own in conversations with adults as well as with other children, and showed remarkable patience and respect in group settings. Needless to say, we are thrilled and can't wait to enroll our youngest daughter at DMS."*

-Kim, First Time Primary School Parent



## Educational Excellence



"I've noticed some significant changes since my son started Montessori school. He has a sense of calm and peacefulness at the end of the day. He loves to help out around the house - he'll come home from school and do some vacuuming! He has more of a "world view" than other kids I've seen - he asks about other countries and loves to look at maps or our globe, and see where different places are. He LOVES school, including math, reading, geography, anatomy, basically all of it. He's an active kid who would probably have trouble sitting still in a traditional classroom. Needless to say, I've been sold on Montessori from the very first day I observed in the primary class. Makes you wonder why it's still just a "fringe" method!

-Anne, Elementary Student Parent

"My son is much more independent since he's been going to DMS. He takes off and puts on his own coat and shoes, enjoys getting things for himself. He loves to help everybody at home too, including his little brother."

-Danyl, Primary Student Parent

## Community

"In a world of chaos, aggression and violence I am so thankful that [my son] has, not an unrealistic place where no conflict is allowed, but a place where personal differences and opinions are respected and everyday conflicts are dealt with in a mature, peaceful manner. How amazing that all this can be taught to such little ones. How much they have to teach the adults around them, and what a small light of hope for peace as some of the students of the next generation are taught in this way."

-Nancy, Primary Student Parent

*"I was immediately welcomed by the parent community when my child first started at the school. Not only did he make new lasting friendships, but I did as well. "*

-Third year Primary School Parent

"At a recent bake sale, one mother called to say she arrived to find the table "manned" by three fathers. She mentioned that it speaks volumes about the commitment to the school. We do have a lot of whole-family involvement, which is wonderful."

-DMS PTA Member

"Parent involvement at DMS is wonderful. Many of the parents care enough to really make time for their children and for the school community. It would be easy to say one is too busy to participate, but at DMS a lot of those families find a way to pitch in and help. We have a very caring group of parents." -Rebecca, DMS PTA President



## More Testimonials

I was a Montessori teacher for almost ten years before my son entered our Primary program at age 3. I was now the excited but nervous parent, worried if my son was still too young to be in school, but full of excitement that he would be in an environment that was designed just for him and his intellectual, social and emotional development. Then I began to observe the immense growth that so many parents of Montessori children have seen. His conversations have become more complex and curious, his concentration level has intensified, he already recognizes letter sounds, he is bringing home songs and poems, and wants to go to school on the weekends. It has been an incredible experience being a Montessori parent after being a Montessori teacher for so long, and has truly deepened my love for this work."

-Chip, DMS Montessori Teacher and Primary Student Parent



## Dedicated Staff

*"The feedback that I receive each year from teachers and parents of our past students is the greatest reward and validation for the work that we do. They consistently report that Montessori children are curious, independent, interested, socially and academically confident, and love to learn."*

-DMS School Director



"My teacher at the school is really nice. She shows me how to learn, lets me choose fun work, and she never gets mad at me, even when I know I did something I wasn't supposed to. She's really cool."

-J., Primary Student, DMS

*"I like that I get to both work on my own and work with my friends throughout the day. I can decide where to sit, what to work on, and my teachers make everything we learn about really interesting. I don't mind doing all the work and the day goes by really fast."*

-B., Elementary Student, DMS

"We have been so impressed with all the staff at DMS. They are all so caring, dedicated, and passionate about what they do--and it shows. My children think of their teachers as an extended part of our family, and we do too. Most importantly, my children look forward to going to school each and every day, and are reluctant to leave. Try to say that about a public school!"

-Mike, Parent of two students

