



Enriched Kindergarten Montessori Programme

The Rowntree Montessori Schools (RMS) Kindergarten Montessori Programme is a unique blend of child-centered and teacher-directed learning, offering high academic and social challenges for children turning four years of age. The programme, which includes structured learning complemented with Montessori activities, is designed to foster a lifelong love of learning and unlock each child's potential.

By virtue of small class sizes and considerable teacher involvement, the children have significant opportunities to grow and develop at their own rate of progress. Ongoing communication with parents ensures that children receive the best from both home and school. The students learn in a safe, nurturing environment. The programme is filled with the challenge and success of learning new skills, discovering the world around us and experiencing positive social interaction. Many activities combine academic and social skills development. The students will be prepared for the academic-based RMS Prep-ONE programme. We provide a collaborative approach to learning and a smooth transition from each stage of school life to the next.

What makes us great?

- Smaller Class Sizes
- Regular Physical Activity
- Math: Making Math Make Sense!
- Writing: Development and Output Skills
- French Studies and Activities
- Social Skills Development
- Character Education
- Coding in the Classroom
- After School Activities
- Field Trips – Explore the World
- Physical Education Classes
- Music and Choir
- Computer Skills Development

The Montessori Method

At RMS, our Montessori materials are divided into several areas (Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, and Culture). These areas house exercises that are logically organized from simple to complex and from concrete to abstract, providing children with a hands-on learning experience. Each area features high-quality materials that are geometrically shaped, simply designed, aesthetic, and suitable for small hands. Interaction with these materials rewards the child with various sensory experiences, enhancing their learning journey.



Practical Life

The Practical Life exercises enable the children to learn mental and physical self-control. The children prepare snacks and wipe tables, learn how to buckle, snap, tie, zip, pour liquids, water plants, and, in general, take care of themselves, their environment, and each other. The Practical Life exercises appeal to the child's natural desire for independence and order at this age.

General Education Objectives

- Set the foundation for future school and academic success
- Develop confidence and enthusiasm toward school and learning in general
- Further, refine social and academic skills
- Develop independence and problem-solving skills
- Tailor curriculum to combine the Ministry expectations with the Montessori approach
- Integrate activities that will enhance and continue the students' academic progress

Oral Language Skills are Developed Through:

- Daily calendar and sharing activities, singing, talking, explaining, describing, repeating and making up rhymes, poetry materials, asking, commenting and listening
- Daily recitations during class discussions
- Short presentations such as "Show & Share"
- Modelling proper language in social situations and peer learning
- Leveled reading
- Phonetic awareness through introducing Language
- Montessori materials, such as Small Movable Alphabet and pink series boxes to build words and short sentences

Beginning Reading Skills are Developed Through:

- Teacher read-alouds, phonics lessons, guided readers and Readers Express Programme
- Mastery of letters and their phonetic sounds
- Reading through picture cues
- Use of the "Reading Centre" in the classroom
- Worksheets and workbook exercises on beginning reading skills
- Using Sight words posted on the classroom
- The use of Montessori Language Materials Learning to Code through Dash & Dot Robots
- Interactive Learning Tools



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Mathematical Skills will be Developed Through:

- Manipulating, patterning, counting, sorting, comparing, contrasting, adding, subtracting, and measuring
- Practical activities and work outside of the classroom, such as graphing, collecting data, etc.
- Planning and implementing lessons/activities that enhance the mathematical skills of the students
- Integration of Montessori materials to present and follow up lessons in Math, such as the Abacus,
- Spindle Box, Geometry Cubes, Number Cards, Ten and Teens Boards

Fine Motor Skills will be Developed Through:

- Arts and crafts creations, cutting, pasting, printing, drawing, painting, puzzles, lacing, buttoning and manipulating small toys

Sensorial

An extensive number of sensorial materials help to enhance the child's understanding of their physical environment through the manipulation of materials which isolate certain aspects of that environment, such as colour, sound, taste, smell, touch and spatial relationships.

Language

The Language work of the child begins at birth – the child hears the spoken language and begins the development necessary for assimilation. Young children learn through movement, and the Sandpaper Letters help them understand the phonetic sounds of the alphabet through sight and touch. Reading and writing are complex skills built upon all the young child's experiences and usually occur naturally and spontaneously in the Montessori environment.

Math

The use of manipulative materials enables the child to internalize concepts of numbers, symbols, sequence, operations and memorization of basic facts.

Culture

Children are introduced to the basics of geography, history, life sciences, earth sciences, music, art and movement.



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Physical Education

Here at Rowntree Montessori Schools, our aim is to ensure each student lives a healthy and active lifestyle, now and in the future. Multiple components of our Physical Education program come together to ensure each student develops the skills and knowledge to make positive decisions throughout their lives. Focused health classes, game and fitness-oriented physical education classes, extracurricular sports, and morning and after-school clubs are just some of the components of our Physical Education program.

Grade	Activities/Sports	Healthy Living	Movement Competence
KM-PO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low organizational games (i.e. Tag, octopus) ▪ Dance ▪ Sending and receiving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Benefits of eating healthy foods ▪ Personal hygiene and healthy habits ▪ Safety and assistance-seeking skills ▪ Emotions and how to handle them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing spatial awareness through movement & development of balance ▪ Manipulation of limbs through dance ▪ Development of spatial awareness through "Low Organizational Games."
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low Organizational Games (i.e. Tag Octopus, etc.) ▪ Hand/Eye Coordination Games (ie. throwing, catching) ▪ Basketball, Soccer (basic skill games) ▪ Gymnastics/Stretching ▪ Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School and Gym Safety ▪ Introduction to Canada's Food Guide ▪ Recognition of major body parts and their roles ▪ Recognize stages of development ▪ 5 Senses and their functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMS Phys Ed. ABC (Awareness and Body Control) ▪ Dynamic warmups and stretches to encourage muscle growth ▪ Developing spatial awareness through movement ▪ Development of balance skills ▪ Manipulation of limbs through sport ▪ Development of throwing and passing



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Music Programme

The Music department is committed to helping students develop an understanding and appreciation of music. Emphasis is placed on encouraging students to become active participants in creating and performing through music. All students will regularly reflect on their feelings about music as they study a wide range of music.

Grade	Concepts Covered	Instruments and Vocals	Implementation	Reflection
KM	<p>Introduction to basic musical elements (fast/slow, soft/loud, high/low).</p> <p>Singing well-known nursery rhymes and songs.</p> <p>Foster a love for music through activities and games.</p>	<p>Playing percussion instruments such as rhythm sticks and boomwhackers.</p> <p>Use percussion instruments to follow syllables in short words.</p>	<p>Create simple music by playing instruments and singing.</p>	<p>Reflect on music using movement and dance.</p>
PO	<p>Introduction to basic musical elements (fast/slow, soft/loud, high/low).</p> <p>Sing well-known songs.</p>	<p>Playing percussion instruments such as rhythm sticks, boomwhackers and glockenspiel.</p> <p>Use percussion instruments to follow syllables in short words and read simple rhythmic notation.</p> <p>Introduction to basic music notation (treble clef).</p>	<p>Create music by playing instruments and singing.</p>	<p>Reflect on music using movement and dance as well as verbally expressing preferences and comparing musical elements.</p>
1	<p>Introduction of the musical elements.</p> <p>Development of vocal tone.</p> <p>Identifying and distinguishing beat and rhythm.</p>	<p>Playing percussion instruments such as rhythm sticks, boomwhackers and glockenspiel.</p> <p>Introduction to the recorder.</p> <p>The introduction of basic music notation (treble clef), terms and symbols.</p>	<p>Create music by manipulating musical elements and justifying decisions.</p>	<p>The introduction of the families of instruments through listening examples and class activities.</p>



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SAMPLE SCHEUDLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 - 9:00	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
9:00 - 9:40	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE
9:40 - 10:00	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
10:00 - 10:40	CORE	CORE	CORE	MUSIC	CORE
10:40 - 11:00	CORE	FRENCH	CORE	CORE	CORE
11:00 - 11:30	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
11:30 - 12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:00 - 12:40	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE
12:40 - 1:20	ART	CORE	FRENCH	CORE	ART
1:20 - 1:40	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
1:40 - 2:20	CORE	CORE	COMPUTERS	CORE	STEAM
2:20 - 3:00	CORE	PHE	CORE	PHE	CORE
3:00 - 3:20	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM

Subject to Change



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ALL GRADES

Application & Registration Checklist

Thank you for considering Rowntree Montessori Schools for your child!

Below are the steps to complete your child's application and secure your spot at Rowntree Montessori.

1. **APPLICATION FORM:** Please log in and complete one application per child. Upon completion, you will be prompted to pay a one time application fee via credit card.
2. **CONTRACT AND 10% NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:** Please read, fill out, sign and date the contract for each child. Both parents must login and electronically sign the contract. At the completion of your contract, you will be prompted to pay your 10% non-refundable deposit by credit card. The cost of this deposit counts toward your total tuition cost.

Once your child's spot is secure, you will be asked to complete the following steps to complete your registration.

1. **ELECTRONIC CALCULATION FORM (ECF):** Please e-sign your ECF, it will be emailed to your personal email. If you will be paying monthly, you will be prompted to attach a void cheque for pre-authorized debit payments September through June. If you are paying annually, after you sign and submit your ECF, please drop off a personal cheque post dated for July 15th to any Rowntree campus.
2. **DOCUMENTS:** In our Parent Portal, please complete the following documents:
 - a. Upload your child's picture for their profile.
 - b. Upload your child's health card.
 - c. Upload your child's birth certificate/passport.
 - d. Upload your child's immunization records.
 - e. Upload your child's last 1-3 years of report cards.
 - f. Open and complete the emergency contact form.
3. **ASSESSMENT:** Finally, we contact you to bring your child in for a short assessment. No preparation is needed. This is just used for us to understand the various levels of our incoming students and better plan our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Office at 905-790-3838 or at admission@rowntreemontessori.com. Thank you again for considering Rowntree Montessori School for your child.

