

Music Education in the Montessori Classroom

You've read a lot about how technical subjects like science, math, engineering and technology are important to the Montessori classroom. There's no questioning that statement – they're all subjects crucial to help our society function and continue to evolve. What we don't want to forget, though, is that the integration of music education in the Montessori classroom is equally as important. Not only is it fun and enjoyable, but it will enrich your child's experience in school, offering benefits to their learning capabilities now, as well as helping them to excel later in life.



There are many reasons that music education is important to an academic schedule

First of all, music supports learning by enhancing the skills that our children need to implement in other areas of learning. Music also helps hone your child's memorization skills by making things easier to remember via song, rhyme or pattern. The fun and vibrancy of music helps keep children engaged, making them more likely to stay interested in what they're learning. Lastly, music can help incite curiosity and increase your child's capacity for imagination, especially when it is introduced at younger ages.

In a Montessori classroom, children learn music in many different ways

It's introduced every single day, rather than a few hours a week, often integrated into other learning subjects. One example is participating in singing and dancing in order to discover other

cultures. In addition, learning to read music by playing instruments carries skills that cross over into reading, writing and math. Clapping and using percussion teaches patterns, rhythm, and more to punctuate many learning concepts in literature, math and science. It is definitely a fun way to help students retain information. With creativity, music can be introduced into almost any learning subject, regardless of budget or time restraint – two major reasons you don't see it as much in public school arenas.



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Many studies show that with the implementation of music, students showed an increased IQ

Before you even worry about IQs, it's important to know that it simply engages a student. It makes him or her more excited to learn, more apt to apply what they've learned to real life concepts and more able to teach those concepts to another individual. In addition to the benefits of increased confidence, literacy, and mindset, the biggest benefit of music is that it creates a strong basis to establish a long-term love of learning and that is priceless.

Call us today and let's schedule a time for you and your child to come see Our Montessori School first-hand. You can also <u>find more information on our website</u>. We look forward to meeting you!