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## Brason Academy Montessori School



Nurturing the potential within each child is the goal of Brason Academy Montessori School, who opened its doors on March 1, 2004. This quaint Montessori School is conveniently located in North Cambridge in the Hespeler Village on 221 Holiday Inn Drive is also minutes away from all of the 401 Exits. Brason Academy is dedicated to asking families what their goals are for their children and cultivating working together with families to achieve these goals.

The Montessori method is an educational method for children, based on theories of child development originated by Italian physician and educator Dr. Maria Montessori in the late 19th and early 20th century. The method is characterized by an emphasis on

self-directed activity on the part of the child and observation on the part of the teacher (often called a "director", "directress", or "guide"). It stresses the importance of adapting the child's learning environment to his or her developmental level, and of the role of physical activity in absorbing academic concepts and practical skills. It is also characterized by the use of autodidactic (self-correcting) equipment to introduce various concepts.

Committed to following the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori in today's modern world, Brason Academy offers programming in a child-centered, non-competitive manner which benefits and appropriately challenges each child's growing and active

curiosity, abilities and individuality. Our classrooms are designed to encourage and foster independence and self-confidence, as well as address each child's personal development.

A typical day for a young child in this environment consists of class time, indoor and outdoor play, snacks, hot catered lunches and rest time if required. Class time is a fun, exciting and active environment where a child has an opportunity to engage in concrete, hands-on activities ranging from practical life skills, sensorial awareness, language, mathematics and wide variety of cultural activities including music, movement, story time, science experiments, botany, biology, geography and an introduction to French.

Brason Academy offers programming for preschooler, JK/SK with a low student-teacher ratio. Brason's quaint size ensures that a child does not feel overwhelmed in their environment and this ensures that staff has a closer relationship with each child and family.

Angeline Stoll Lillard's award-winning 2005 book *Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius* (Oxford University Press) presents the first really comprehensive overview evaluating Montessori versus conventional education in terms of research relevant to their underlying principles. Lillard cites research indicating that Montessori's basic methods are more suited to what psychology research reveals about human development.

A 2006 study published in the journal "Science" concluded that Montessori students (at ages 5 and 12) performed better than control students who had years prior lost the

random computerized lottery to go to Montessori and instead went to a variety of different conventional schools. This better performance was obtained in a variety of areas, including not only traditional academic areas such as language and math, but in social skills as well. On the Barbara Walters ABC-TV Special "The 10 Most Fascinating People Of 2004" Larry Page and Sergey Brin, founders of the popular Internet search engine Google.com, credited their years as Montessori students as a major factor in behind their success.

Brason Academy is a proud member of the Canadian Council of Montessori Administrators who ensures that each member school has an authentic Montessori programming and material is in place, the staff are AMI and ECE trained and certified. Being a fully Ministry approved and licensed school, parents can be assured that their children are in a safe, healthy, and enjoyable environment.

Brason Academy recognizes the challenges of today's working parent's schedules. The school offers both a full-

time and a flexible part-time programming option where space is available, in addition to its extended care. The Academy is now accepting registrations for September 2008 on a first come basis for its limited enrolment. Families are welcome and encouraged to visit the school during its open houses on Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 25 10-2 pm and also by appointment. For further information please call the school at 519-220-1244 or visit [www.brasonmontessori.ca](http://www.brasonmontessori.ca)



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