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PO BOX 1510  
Gloucester, VA 23061

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for inquiring about Gloucester Montessori School for your child. Our mission at Gloucester Montessori is to provide an education based on the individual that fosters independence, leadership and discovery for students from 16 months through Kindergarten, and beyond.

At GMS, students learn in a hands-on environment at their own pace using proven methods developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. A renowned physician and scientist, Dr. Montessori developed this educational approach based on extensive research into children's natural learning tendencies. The Montessori Method of educating children is utilized around the world and widely accepted in public and private schools across the United States.

In fact, many well-known entrepreneurs like Sergey Brin and Larry Page (founders of Google), Jeff Bezos (founder of Amazon.com), Julia Child and Yo-Yo Ma credit their early Montessori education as vital parts of their ultimate success.

Key characteristics of a Montessori classroom include:

- A unique prepared classroom environment that is designed to facilitate learning and independence.
- Specifically designed Montessori materials that invite children to engage in learning activities at their own individual levels.
- Montessori trained teachers that instruct, observe and guide students as they progress through the curriculum, cultivating concentration, self-discipline and the love of learning.

Gloucester Montessori School is a full member school of the American Montessori Society. With a membership of over 11,000 schools worldwide, AMS is the largest Montessori organization in the world. Our lead instructors hold Montessori credentials that are issued by the American Montessori Society and the Association Montessori Internationale.

There's no doubt that the love of learning starts early in life and at GMS, we're poised to provide the attention necessary to prepare the foundation. We'd very much enjoy the opportunity to get to know you and your family better. Please give us a call at (804) 699-3020 to set up a personal tour of our school.

Sincerely,

*Gloucester Montessori School*



## **GLOUCESTER MONTESSORI SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TODDLER HOUSE**

### **GMS Admissions Process**

1. Tour of GMS
2. Submission of an application for enrollment, student questionnaire & \$75.00 application fee
3. Family interview
4. Admission decision
5. Submission of a student contract for enrollment
6. Collection of additional information as needed (birth certificate data, current immunization record and physical, emergency contacts, transcripts from any previous school, etc.)

### **Toddler Criteria for New Student Enrollment**

1. Minimum 16 months of age and walking
2. Family support for Gloucester Montessori School and its mission

### **GMS Mission Statement**

Grounded by the Montessori Method of educating children based on the individual, Gloucester Montessori maintains an environment that fosters **Independence, Leadership and Discovery** for students from toddlerhood through Kindergarten, and beyond.



# Student Application

For GMS Office use	
Tour	_____
Application	_____
Application fee	_____
Questionnaire	_____
Interview	_____
Decision	_____
Start Date	_____

P.O. Box 1510  
 Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
 (804) 6999-3020

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Toddler House**

5 half days  
 8:30am - Noon

5 full days  
 8:30am - 3:30pm

**Children's House**

5 half days  
 8:15am - Noon

5 full days  
 8:15am - 3:15pm

**Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

5 full days  
 8:15am - 3:15pm

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Primary Caregiver's Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Caregiver's Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Information:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Y\_\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Y\_\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_  
 Name DOB In the home Name DOB In the home

3. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Y\_\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Y\_\_\_\_/N\_\_\_\_  
 Name DOB In the home Name DOB In the home

How did you hear about Gloucester Montessori School? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why are you considering a Montessori education for your child? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How would you describe your child's personality and learning style? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What form of discipline is used in your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What other information can you share that would help us understand your child? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GMS depends on our families to volunteer for school-wide functions and various classroom jobs. What skills, interests or expertise might you share with GMS? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Upon receipt of your application, your child will be placed in our active applicant pool. We will call your family to schedule a time for your family to come in for an interview.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of parent/guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Please submit your \$75.00 new student application fee along with this form. This is a one-time non-refundable fee that does not apply toward your tuition.**



# TODDLER QUESTIONNAIRE

We wish to familiarize ourselves as much as possible with your child in order to better understand their needs. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it with your child's application. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this helpful information.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Does your child:

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sit with support | <input type="checkbox"/> walk with assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> jump                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sit unassisted   | <input type="checkbox"/> walk unassisted      | <input type="checkbox"/> crawl forward or backward |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stand            | <input type="checkbox"/> go up steps          | <input type="checkbox"/> use a pincer grasp        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> run              | <input type="checkbox"/> go down steps        | <input type="checkbox"/> throw                     |

## **HEALTH HISTORY:**

Describe with age and severity if your child has had high fevers, convulsions, childhood diseases, accidents, operations, visual problems: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any special medical considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY:**

Who lives at home with your child? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Languages other than English spoken in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

Who has taken care of your child in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your child's current caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your child react to new situations? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What upsets your child? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you find is the best way to help your child when they are upset? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How often does your child need to be held during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your child communicate? (crying, pointing, phrases, sentences) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long can your child engage in independent play? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your child's favorite toy/activities/interests? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What activities do you enjoy as a family? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What discipline techniques do you use to guide your child? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have behaviors that are of concern to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DAILY ROUTINE:**

What time does your child wake? \_\_\_\_\_

What time does your child go to bed? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child sleep in his/her own room? \_\_\_\_\_ own bed? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child use a pacifier, bottle or nurse to go to sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child walk, talk, or cry out at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take a nap (length and time) \_\_\_\_\_

How much TV or other screen time does your child watch per day? \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREGIVERS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR CHILD:**

\_\_\_\_\_ says,

" \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_."

\_\_\_\_\_ says,

" \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_."

**Thank you for helping us get to know your child better.**



**GLOUCESTER MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
TUITION RATES -- TODDLER PROGRAM**

<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>Monthly Tuition (after 10% deposit)</b>	<b>Annual Tuition</b>
Toddler – Full Day (M-F) 8:30 am – 3:30 pm	\$860	\$8,764
Toddler - Half Day (M-F) 8:30 am – Noon	\$730	\$7,135

**New Student Application Fee** - For all new students, there is a one-time application fee of \$75 which is collected when the child applies to the school. This non-refundable fee is in addition to the required 10% deposit and does not apply toward tuition.

**Deposit** – A 10% deposit is due in full upon the receipt of your contract.

**Interest** - Interest at the rate of no more than 3.5% is built into extended payment plans.

**Discounts** - Families enrolling two or more students will receive a 10% reduction in the tuition of the second and each additional child’s tuition. The tuition reduction will be applied toward the lowest tuition amount of each additional child.

**Financial Aid** - A modest amount of financial aid is available for qualifying full-time families. Information to apply on-line can be found in this information packet.

**Before and After School Care** – Before and afterschool care is available on an as-needed basis as early at 7:15 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m. (Prior arrangements must be made with the office.) Fees for before and after school care are not included in the above tuition schedule and separate arrangements must be made for this service.