

Before and After School Care

The YK1 Public Montessori Program has a unique user pay before school care program. The hours for before school care are 7:40 -8:30 a.m.

After school care is also a user pay program, but is offered by the YWCA. They provide a nutritional snack and activities. This care is from 3:15 until 5:30 p.m.

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.”

-Maria Montessori



Students collaboratively writing a story



Scientific discovery in Kindergarten



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*Kindergarten
through Grade 5*

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What is the Montessori Program at YK1?

YK1 offers Montessori programming alongside Traditional, French, and Aboriginal Language and Culture. Montessori, in YK1, is a free public program, with no fees to parents.

The students are taught the Northwest Territories curricula using the Montessori philosophy and materials. The Montessori philosophy emphasizes learning through independence, freedom within limits, and hands-on materials, allowing the child to develop intellectually, emotionally and socially, while developing a life-long love of learning.

Maria Montessori believed that children possess a unique sensitivity and intellectual ability, making it possible for them to learn from and absorb the environment.

Montessori Materials

In Montessori the students learn using hands-on activities, enabling the students to experience new topics in a concrete way. These materials are organized on child-sized shelves by subject, allowing the students to interact with them when necessary. Manipulating the materials independently, the students learn through their senses. A unique feature of Montessori materials is the built-in control of error. This builds independence by allowing the students to correct their work on their own.



Montessori Instruction

Montessori instruction is delivered through mini lessons and project based learning. Lessons are taught in small groups of two to five students. A common

Montessori lesson is called the three period lesson, in which the students “let me tell you about shapes”, “show me the triangle”, and finally, “What is this shape?”. Students get one-on-one conference time with their teacher to discuss the progress of their individual learning projects.



Schedule a class visit to see if the YK1 Public Montessori Program is right for your child. Or, if you would like to know more information, contact NJ Macpherson School, 873-4372.