



Palencia  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

# Palencia Montessori Academy 2015-16 School Year

**Now  
Accepting  
Enrollment  
for 2015-16  
School Year!**



This fall, Palencia Montessori Academy will begin its 4<sup>th</sup> year of providing a superior educational experience in a new, larger facility. If you seek a child-centered education, with an emphasis on creativity, self-discipline, leadership, and concentration, than this is the optimal educational environment for your child.



The basic tenet of Montessori education is that a child learns best in an enriched, supportive environment through exploration, discovery and creativity with the guidance and encouragement of a trained and caring staff. Children are encouraged to pursue their interests, make responsible choices for themselves and direct themselves to constructive activities.



**Expanding in  
August to a  
New, Larger  
Facility!**



**Limited  
Space  
Available!**

In partnership with their teachers, students are invited to explore new friendships, ideas, knowledge, skills, and ways of understanding the world around them.



The Prepared Montessori Environment supports a class made up of multiple age groups.

**Classes:**

Toddler Class – 18 months to 3 years of age

PrePrimary Class – 3 to 6 years of age

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## A Completely Different Approach to Early Childhood Education!

Montessori materials are labeled as “sensorial”, because they help the child develop their five senses.

Materials are chosen for their natural feel to teach texture and substance. The children learn to understand concepts like “thick and thin, “big and small”, and “long and short” with physical objects that they can manipulate.

These materials are also “self-correcting” because they enable the child to identify mistakes and correct them on their own.

We offer a traditional, comprehensive Montessori curriculum including language, mathematics, sensorial, practical life, geography, natural science, and creative subjects (arts & crafts, music, drama).

## Compare and Contrast

### Montessori

- Child centered
- Child sets their own learning pace
- 3-Year age span in one class
- Self-correcting materials
- Cycle of activities determined by the child
- Encouraged to help one another; the older children guide the younger children
- Self-control through internal measures

### Traditional

- Teacher centered
- Teacher sets the pace
- 1-Year age span in one class
- Teacher corrects errors
- Schedule-driven cycle
- Children seek help from the teacher and not their peers
- Self-control through reward and punishment

## Your Community School

Babette Weaver, one of our founders is also the founder of The Village Academy in St. Augustine. The Village Academy has been in business for 35 years and has consistently won “Best of St. Augustine” year after year. Babette and Curt Weaver also launched Village Academy *North* in North St. Augustine in 2006 and Palencia Montessori Academy in 2012. Palencia Montessori Academy will be expanding for the 2015-16 School Year and we are excited about the purchase of our new facility. Our next step will be National Accreditation!

