



# St. Croix Academy

*A Montessori School*

177 Neal Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082

**(651) 436 -2603**

18 months - 12 years old



**Engaged in the joy of learning...for life!**



## A MONTESSORI EDUCATION

An understanding of this simple secret - the child has a spontaneous urge to learn - led to the development of a new way of teaching children. Dr. Maria Montessori recognized that a learning environment must respond to the changing needs of the developing child.

The teachings of Dr. Montessori are at the heart of St. Croix Academy's approach to education. Children are empowered to learn at their own pace, with the Montessori teacher as their guide.

At St. Croix Academy, children have daily opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills in an environment that fosters:

- ◆ A love of learning
- ◆ Respect for self and others
- ◆ Personal responsibility
- ◆ Inner discipline



# TODDLER

18 months - 3 years

Exploration and discovery are key principles in a toddler environment. They need a safe, calm and beautiful environment in which to practice their developing skills. As language skills are acquired, social interactions based on mutual respect are developed. The innate desire for independence is supported with a child-sized room, and routines that accommodate the toddlers' need to do for themselves as much as they are able.



*"I need to discover what I can do."*

The Toddler Community is focused in meeting the developmental needs of the child in the areas of:

- ◆ Movement
- ◆ Independence
- ◆ Language
- ◆ Order
- ◆ Sensory Integration

# PRIMARY

3 - 6 Years Old

The Primary classroom provides opportunities for the child to work with materials that captivate interest and have the indirect purpose of supporting growth toward independence. Subjects such as math, reading, art, music, geography, science and nature are integrated into the curriculum throughout the classroom.



Four distinct learning areas characterize the Primary Program:

- ◆ Practical Life
- ◆ Sensorial
- ◆ Language
- ◆ Mathematics

## ELEMENTARY

6 years - 12 years

The Elementary Community engages the powerful imagination of the students as they explore and make discoveries in language, mathematics, history, biology, geography, earth sciences, music, art, technology, and cultural studies.

Group projects and use of Montessori materials support the child's independence, developing responsibility, compassion and social awareness.

*"I need to understand my place  
in the group and  
in society."*



# SPANISH

3 - 12 years

Communication in another language extends the child's field of awareness as well as enabling interaction with a greater range of people and cultural knowledge. During childhood, the brain is especially open to the acquisition of language. Responding to this window of opportunity, St. Croix Academy offers Spanish instruction every day in each Primary and Elementary classroom.



## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

An appreciation of nature and our connectedness with it is inherent in the Montessori program at St. Croix Academy.

Each classroom has an outdoor space that is cared for by the students. Beautiful flowers and plants flourish in these natural extensions of the classroom. St. Croix Academy is located on 15 acres of rural countryside. Farm animals, playgrounds, a soccer field, trails, wooded areas, sledding hills and a winter ice rink give our students multiple opportunities for nature study and outdoor activities.

## DIRECTIONS

### FROM EAST

Take 94 West. Exit on Manning avenue. Take a left at the top of the ramp. Go over the bridge and turn left on the Frontage Road/ Hudson Road. Take another left at the next stop sign, which is Neal avenue. Go over the bridge and we are on the right.

### FROM WEST

Take 94 East. Exit on Manning Avenue. Take a right at the top of the ramp and an immediate left on the Frontage Road/Hudson Road. Take another left at the next stop sign, which is Neal avenue. Go over the bridge and we are on the right.

### FROM NORTH

Take 694 South to 94 East. Exit on Manning Avenue. Take a right at the top of the ramp and an immediate left on the Frontage Road/Hudson Road. Take another left at the stop sign, which is Neal avenue. Go over the bridge and we are on the right.

### FROM SOUTH

Take 494 East to 94 East. Exit on Manning Avenue. Take a right at the top of the ramp and an immediate left on the Frontage Road/Hudson Road. Take another left at the stop sign, which is Neal avenue. Go over the bridge and we are on the right.

