



MONTESSORI School of Denver

Montessori School of Denver 6th Grade Core Curriculum	
Math	Introduction to pre-algebra with a focus on number sense, basic operations, exposure to geometric formulas, fractions, decimals, equivalents, and budgeting
Language Arts	Group literature discussion, oral language skills, five paragraph essays, persuasive writing, poetic devices, creative writing, proper spelling, classical literature appreciation, refinement of punctuation, vocabulary development, poetic devices, literary elements, literary genres
Research + Technology	Research methods, current trends, technology tools, internet safety and etiquette
Science Cycle Year 1 2015-16	Earth Science: Space System, Earth Systems and History of the Earth, Weather and Climate
Science Cycle Year 2 2016-17	Physical Science: Structures and Properties of Matter, Forces and Motion, Energy
Science Cycle Year 3 2018-19	Life Science: Structures and Functions of Living Organisms, Ecosystems, Evolution and Genetics
Social Studies Cycle Year 1 2015-16	Western Hemisphere: Native Americans including Ancestral Puebloans and Peoples of Mesoamerica Eastern Hemisphere: Ancient Near East, Asia/Africa, Greeks, Romans, Europe and the Dark Ages
Social Studies Cycle Year 2 2016-17	European History: Middle Ages, Rise of religions, Renaissance, Age of Reason, Age of Enlightenment, Age of Exploration, North America, Colonies and Revolution
Social Studies Cycle Year 3 2017-18	U.S History: The New Republic, American Government, Expansion, Slavery, Civil War, Reconstruction, Industrial Revolution, Gilded Age
World Language	Spanish
Practical Life	Community living skills, time management skills, conservation and recycling, home economics (cooking, fixing), mindfulness
Organization	Basic organizational strategies, practicing and reinforcing basic executive functioning skills



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Social/Emotional/Forum/Health	Development of self-awareness, social awareness and decision-making skills to maintain positive relationships, including communication, problem solving, and stress management strategies to help students navigate their way through the social pressures during this developmental stage
Socratic Seminar	Socratic Seminar focuses on increasing a student's higher order thinking ability. Seminars are based around specific readings that challenge students to think beyond considerations of academic correctness. Most readings center around moral or ethical dilemmas, but may also delve into questions about social or political structure. Seminars are driven by open-ended, thought provoking questions that encourage students to consider their place in the world from a more global and holistic perspective. Question are followed by civil, respectful conversation which allows each student the opportunity to voice his or her own opinion, consider the opinions of others, and reconsider his or her own stance on the subject matter
Projects/Occupations	Urban Farm, Hydroponic Gardening, 3-D Design, Robotics, Ukulele Building, Coffee-To-Go Business, Admission Ambassadors, Classroom Interns
Do Good/Skills	Local, national, global-based community service and service learning, studying differences between helping, fixing, and serving, project-based learning opportunity, study of current events
Electives	Photography, chess, film, knitting, soft sculpture, printmaking, acting and directing, digital imagery, rock climbing, musical theater, technical theater, clay, coding, film, do good, knitting, anime, debate, creative writing
Intersession	Three week-long sessions that combine experiential learning with service learning to foster deeper exploration of topics of interest, social outreach, and community building
Arts and Athletics	Physical Education, Art, Drama, Music