

# Aspen Park iMontessori

## WHAT WE ARE

- First and foremost, WE ARE A SCHOOL. If you want daycare, we can recommend other places.
- We are about community and family. We have family activities throughout the year.
- We are a labor of love. We are passionate about our students and what we teach.
- We are a family-owned business and are completely invested in what we do.
- We challenge and motivate students while having fun. Every moment is a teaching moment. Our students love school while learning.
- We use DAP (Developmentally Appropriate Practices) and Personalized Learning. We provide individualized one-on-one academic training with each child daily.
- We think and teach outside the box. That's what makes us unique.
- We teach using hands on techniques. We never use computers or i-pads. That can come later.
- We have a "no tolerance" stand on bullying.
- We love academics and teach well above the expectations of many schools.
- We talk to parents daily. Parents are welcome in our classroom. We are transparent.
- We are big on SEL (social emotional learning). Students need to identify how they feel and self-regulate. We teach them how.
- We build self-esteem, confidence, and leadership skills.
- We have an amazing outdoor playground. We are outside up to 3-4 hours daily.

## WHAT WE ARE NOT

- We are not a "one size fits all" school.
- We do not use pacing guides, instead we teach to each student's capabilities. We look for engagement and achievement.
- We do not give lip service. What we say, we do. Our results are tangible and speak for themselves. They are available upon request.
- We do not entitle our students. They are taught the importance of making great choices.
- We do not hold students to a yearly contract. We ask for a 1-month notice. We want the best fit for your child.

## WE ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES (the four R's)

- Respect – We expect our students to be kind, caring, and appreciative human-beings.
- Responsibility – We expect our students to take accountability and do the "right" thing
- Rigor – We expect our students to put forth effort when working. Academic time is a great resource for this tool.
- Resilience – We teach our students how to cope with challenges and give them tools to help work through difficulties. Our students learn to advocate for themselves.