

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.