



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
By-the-Sea

St Christopher's By-the-Sea Montessori School was founded in 1968 by a dedicated group of parishioners who saw the need for quality education on Key Biscayne. The Montessori method uses mixed-age classrooms, fostering learning through observation and peer role modeling.

The Episcopal values and Montessori philosophy partner harmoniously to create a well-rounded and mindful educational environment that prepares students for a lifetime of learning and adapting to our ever-changing world. As **Maria Montessori** stated, "Within the child lies the fate of the future"

ADMISSION

Applications are accepted beginning in November prior to the year the student is eligible to enter St Christopher's. Prospective parents can schedule a tour with the Admission Director, at which time they will be given an overview of the school and application process.

Admission to the Toddler and Early Childhood programs is based on a visit to the school and a developmental readiness assessment. Admission to the Elementary grades includes the student spending a shadow day visit on campus and an academic evaluation.

St Christopher's By-the-Sea is a private, non-profit school, is a member of the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES), and is affiliated to the American Montessori Society, to ensure the highest standards of education.

St Christopher's does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color or national origin in educational policies, tuition assistance programs, or the admission of students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Montessori method of education sets the foundation for the first stage of fundamental learning – writing, reading and numbers. The organic, carefully designed classroom materials develop a child's visual, auditory, and tactile perception. The total learning environment is enriched with the study of art, music, Spanish, STEAM, Marine biology and physical education. Peace education is a focal point in the curriculum.



Toddler Program (18 months - 36 months) 18 months by Sept 1st

Our Montessori toddler classroom nurtures independence, confidence, and curiosity in a safe, engaging space. Children explore language through rich vocabulary, meaningful conversations, and a variety of books.

The environment encourages self-care and autonomy with areas for hygiene, rest, movement, and practical life skills like preparing and sharing meals. Toddlers work independently, observe peers, and express creativity while developing coordination and social skills.

Every aspect of the classroom is designed to support growth, independence, and a joyful love of learning.

Lower Elementary (Grades 1-3)

Elementary classrooms are communities where children explore, collaborate, and learn at their own pace. Multi-age groupings allow older students to mentor younger peers, fostering leadership, respect, and growth in a supportive, inclusive environment.

The elementary program combines the finest textbook, technology, and other educational resources to complement the Montessori method

Curriculum Areas

Language Arts • Mathematics • Cultural Studies
(Science, History and Geography) • Practical Life
• Sensorial

Early Childhood. Pre-Kindergarten (3 years old by sept 1st)

Junior Kindergarten (4 years old by sept 1st) and Kindergarten (5 years old by sept 1st)

Our Early Childhood classrooms foster independence, curiosity, and confidence. Children learn through hands-on Montessori materials that encourage exploration, problem solving, and a natural progression from concrete to abstract concepts. Students choose meaningful work at their own pace during long, uninterrupted work periods, building focus, responsibility, and a love of learning. The home-like environment with child-sized furniture, accessible shelves, and practical life areas supports self-care, order, and respect for others.

The Kindergarten Year

In their third year, children step into leadership roles, guiding younger peers and consolidating their own learning. This year builds confidence, independence, and readiness for Elementary.

Curriculum Areas

Practical Life • Sensorial • Math • Language •
Cultural Studies

Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6)

Upper Elementary students channel their curiosity into deeper study, critical thinking, and collaborative projects. In a supportive, multi-age community, they develop independence, leadership, and responsibility, becoming role models for their peers, while exploring more abstract and advanced concepts across all subjects, in preparation to transition into middle school.

Curriculum Areas

Language Arts • Math • Geometry • Science • History
• Geography • Cultural Studies • Research & Projects



Spiritual Life

Spirituality concepts are woven into the Montessori philosophy and Peace Education curriculum. The weekly Wednesday chapel service includes scripture reading and a brief message that highlights the universal principle and the importance of the spiritual dimension of life and living in harmony with the world around us.

Enrichment Program

Beyond the classroom, students can explore their passions through a wide range of afterschool activities. Ranging from arts and dance to sports and math, students engage in fun opportunities that develop skill sets, promotes creativity, and deepens friendships.



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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Toddler Program (Half Day)
8:15 AM - 12 PM

Toddler (Full Day) - Elementary
8:15 AM – 3 PM

Sunday Eucharist
10:00 AM



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St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Montessori School is a place where children are encouraged to grow academically, ethically and spiritually, so they are prepared to thrive in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Through the Montessori Method, we celebrate each child's natural curiosity and guide it into a lifelong love of learning, inspiring them to think both critically and creatively.

At St. Christopher's you'll find a welcoming community and a nurturing environment that challenges students while supporting them every step of the way.