

Briar Vista Elementary Montessori Staff

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<https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/>

BVE Motto:

Academics.Caring.Education

BVE Mission:

Briar Vista is a community school dedicated to preparing children for successful learning in a caring environment through Montessori and Traditional approaches to maximize students' social and academic potential while fostering self-reliance and life-long learning in a global society.

BVE Vision:

To inspire every staff member and student to achieve at his or her maximum potential in an engaging, inspiring, and challenging learning environment.



The Montessori Program

at



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“The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life.”

~Maria Montessori

What is the Montessori Philosophy?

The Montessori Method fosters rigorous, self-motivated growth for children and adolescents in all areas of their development—cognitive, emotional, social, and physical. The Montessori approach is based on a profound respect for the child. Its founder and originator, Maria Montessori, believed in the necessity to treat children with dignity, trust, and patience.



The 10 Principles of Montessori Education:

1. Respect for the Child
2. Absorbent Mind
3. Sensitive Periods
4. Educating the Whole Child
5. Individualized Learning
6. Freedom of Movement
7. Prepared Environment
8. Intrinsic Motivation
9. Independence
10. Auto Education



Montessori at Briar Vista Elementary

The Montessori classrooms at Briar Vista are constructed specifically to meet the needs at the different stages of development and the child's natural love of learning. The Montessori program at Briar Vista provides learners with hands-on education that helps children move from concrete manipulation to abstract understanding.



Briar Vista Children are given:

Life skills to support our ever-changing society
 Integration of multi-faceted experiences
 Guidance to become independent thinkers Well-structured diverse environments
 Hands on learning

The 5 Components of Montessori Education

at Briar Vista

1. **Trained Montessori Teachers**- Each teacher at Briar Vista has been trained and certified through the *Montessori Teacher Education Institute of Atlanta* or the *Association Montessori Internationale*.
2. **The Multi-Age Classroom**- Our Montessori classrooms are structured as follows: Primary Years (Grades Pre-K & K); Lower Elementary (Grades 1 & 2 and Grades 2 & 3); Upper Elementary (Grades 4 & 5)
3. **Using Montessori Materials**- Students use practical life materials at the lower elementary level to improve fine motor skills such as pouring and spooning. The golden beads are used to introduce decimals and the place value system. In the upper elementary students use Grammar Boxes and symbols to teach parts of speech and racks and tubes to teach long division.
4. **Child Directed Work**- Montessori education supports children in choosing meaningful and challenging work that captures their interest, leading to engagement, intrinsic motivation, sustained attention, and a sense of responsibility to oneself and others. This child-directed work is supported by the design and flow of the Montessori classroom, which is created to ignite each child's curiosity and to provide the opportunity to work in calm, uncluttered spaces either individually or with peers.
5. **Uninterrupted Work Periods**- The students complete a 3-hour morning work cycle, during which they complete lessons in all subject areas at their own pace. The Montessori curriculum consists of Practical life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies/ Geography, and Art. Children are introduced to lessons on a 1 on 1 basis or in small groups.

