



*"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."*

*-Maria Montessori*

By participating in hands-on lessons in our prepared Montessori environment, students will learn more than they realize, because they're following their unique interests and having fun!

### *Partnering with Parents*

At the request of our preschool alumni families, we met with Montessori elementary parents this summer to explore the benefits of offering a supplemental Montessori academic program - *more than just day care* - in which a qualified teacher spends time each Friday following a 4-day school week. With over a decade of experience offering elementary Montessori education in Poway, and a team of experienced, mature, background-cleared and Red Cross certified staff, we are well-equipped to meet this unique need! We are excited to make the most of "homeschool" Fridays this school year, with forays into science, culture and geography, practical life skills (money management, gardening, etc.), health and nutrition, artistic pursuits (maker space, performing arts, etc.), and more!

## the growing place — MONTESSORI —

13242 Pomerado Road  
Poway, CA 92064  
t 858-679-1554 f 858-679-7754  
[www.thegrowingplace.org](http://www.thegrowingplace.org)  
LIC 376600824

### *Nutritious Snacks Included & Hot Lunch Available*



As part of our Elementary Montessori Friday Program, students are provided with recipes, ingredients & instruction to prepare their own snack each morning (and also in the afternoons for the extended-day option). Hands-on involvement in personal nutrition encourages children to eat healthier, explore new foods and grow self-care skills!

Hot lunch is also available each Friday at an additional cost; orders can be placed conveniently online as late as 9AM the same day at [www.thegrowingplace.org](http://www.thegrowingplace.org).



## Elementary Montessori Friday Program *For Grades K-6*



### *Making "Homeschool" Fridays Count!*

Why settle for day care? Montessori students in our community are invited to join us on "homeschool" Fridays for academic support and enrichment. We offer families a cost-effective option that includes academic instruction and dedicated time for completion of homework assignments and projects – freeing up evenings and weekends for family fun and extracurricular activities!

Complement your child's learning experience with a Montessori-rooted approach that fosters independence, self-confidence, initiative, critical thinking skills, and a lifetime love of learning! Our project-based Friday curriculum promotes social skills, character development, time management, personal organization, and more!

the growing place  
— MONTESSORI —

# Registration and Enrollment Agreement

## Description of Care

The Elementary Montessori Friday Program is intended to enrich and support local Montessori students enrolled in grades K-6. Care and instruction are provided on Fridays by The Growing Place Montessori staff between the hours of 7AM and 6PM, in order to accommodate the needs of the families in the community. Curriculum consists of projects, structured activities, independent work time, tutoring, as well as free play opportunities.

The Elementary Montessori Friday Program is staffed by experienced teachers who are educated in child development and trained in Montessori practices and Positive Discipline methods.

## Term of Agreement

The Elementary Montessori Friday Program will begin September 9, 2016 and end June 9, 2017. Because this program has an academic basis, families are asked to commit to the full school year term. Students that begin or withdraw from the program mid-month will be billed on a prorated basis.

## Enrollment Process

Space in the Extended Day Program will be held for your child upon receipt of a signed Admission Application, Enrollment Agreement, payment of a \$25 registration fee (new students only) and submission of the first month's tuition. An acceptance letter will be emailed as confirmation of enrollment. Additional documentation, including proof of vaccination, will be required prior to enrollment. A minimum number of participants will be necessary in order to operate this program. The Growing Place Montessori will strive to notify parents as early as possible, and will gladly refund any prepaid tuition if enrollment goals are not met.

**Standard Day Option:**  
Fridays 8:30AM-3:00PM  
**\$125 per month**

*Initial Here to Elect:*

## Calendar & Hours of Operation

The Elementary Montessori Friday Program takes place Fridays between September 9, 2016 and June 9, 2017, excepting holidays (November 11 & 25, December 23 & 30, March 10, April 14; please refer to TGPM school calendar). Hours of operation are 8:30AM to 3:00PM for the standard day option and 7AM to 6PM for the extended day option, as indicated below.

## Payment Terms

Families may choose between the options below for the schedule that best accommodates the child's needs. Payment is due in advance before 6:00 pm on the first school day of each month, payable in ten equal monthly installments, September to June.

Students who are not enrolled and prepaid in advance for the Extended Day Program on a monthly basis will be billed for care before 8:30AM or after 3:00PM on an hourly basis at the rate of \$7 per hour (or partial hour). Hourly care will be billed to the student's account on a monthly basis, and payment is due before 6:00 pm on the first school day of the following month.

Cash, check, or credit cards are accepted forms of payment, and an automated monthly payment program is also available. Checks should be made payable to "The Growing Place Montessori" and deposited in the slot in the counter of the main lobby. Payments not received within five days of the due date are subject to a late fee of \$25.00. Accounts that remain delinquent for more than 30 days may result in expulsion from the program. No tuition allowances are made for school holidays, illness or absence.

**Sibling & Military  
Discounts Offered!**

## Integrity Of Fit

As every child's needs are different, we can make no guarantee in advance that the educational programs offered at The Growing Place Montessori will meet the needs of every child. We reserve the right to terminate this agreement upon 15 days' written notice with a refund of any prepaid tuition if your child is determined not to be a good fit for the program for any reason. Whenever possible, we will seek to make this assessment within the first 90 days of enrollment.

## Withdrawal Policy

If you wish to withdraw your child from the program for any reason, we require a written notice 30 days prior to the date of withdrawal. This includes a minimum 30 days' notice prior to the enrollment date listed on your acceptance letter if you decide not to have your child begin the program for any reason. All outstanding balances are due and payable on your child's last day of attendance in the program.

## Adherence to Terms

By signing below, the parent or guardian enters into an agreement with The Growing Place Montessori to enroll their child into the 2016-17 Elementary Montessori Friday Program, subject to the terms herein and agrees to make payments in the amount indicated by initialing beside the selection(s) below.

The undersigned also acknowledges responsibility for reading and understanding The Growing Place Montessori's Parent Handbook and all applicable Appendices, and agrees to be bound to the terms therein as a condition of enrollment. The Growing Place Montessori may, from time to time, revise its practices, policies, and/or procedures with or without notice.

**Extended Day Option:**  
Fridays 7AM-6PM  
**\$155 per month**

*Initial Here to Elect:*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Enrollment Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_