

## WELCOME TO MSK'S TODDLER PROGRAM

Welcome to the MSK Montessori Toddler Program! I am excited to have you join the MSK Community for the 2022-2023 school year. My name is Miss Sara Galati. I am a Registered ECE and an Accredited Montessori trained teacher. It has been my pleasure to work at MSK since 2013 as a Toddler Directress. As the Toddler Department Head at the Montessori School in Kleinburg, I would like to thank you for continuing to choose the Montessori approach to educate your child. We are proud to be celebrating 20 years in education! Your continued commitment to MSK at this time ensures that both our teaching team and resources will be provided for the students at MSK. We are fortunate to have not only wonderful teachers, but a parent community that has helped to build and support the Montessori program offered here at MSK. As I am currently on maternity leave, I would like to take the pleasure of introducing our acting Head of Department Ms. Ahsan who will be taking the role of Head of Department until my return in January 2022. Alongside her, Miss Seballos will be our Assistant to the Head of Department.

My name is Miss Izzah Ahsan, and I'm thrilled to be joining the team at The Montessori School of Kleinburg as the Head of the Toddler department. As we begin this beautiful journey together, I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the school year. I wanted to start by sharing a little more about me. I received a Bachelor of Arts in Business with a minor in English from York University. I then continued on to complete the Infant-Toddler Montessori Teaching Program at CMTEI. I am an avid reader who enjoys exploring topics from ancient civilizations to child psychology and development. My love of reading led me to find Maria Montessori and her educational philosophy. Ten years ago, I had the opportunity to work with toddlers, which sparked my interest in them. Their actions, decisions, reactions to everyone and anything, and the sheer fact that they might be the most misunderstood beings on the earth all captivated me. I started looking into the Montessori methodology and discovered that it was the final piece I needed to complete my own teaching philosophy. My goal is simple- to understand your toddlers and spark their inherent curiosity and joy for learning. Let the journey begin!

Hello everyone! I am very excited to start my second year at MSK. Along with taking the role as a Toddler Directress for the second year, I am also taking the role as Assistant to the Toddler Head of Department, Miss Galati and Miss Ahsan. I have been guided by many experienced and great teachers at MSK and am happy to carry a new role. For those of you I have not met yet, I am a Registered Early Childhood Educator and have just completed my Infant/Toddler Montessori Course with Montessori Teachers College this past summer. I look forward to bringing my new knowledge towards the Montessori Toddler program to our Toddler classrooms. I have been in the Child Care field since 2017, all while gaining experience with children since my volunteer years back in high school. I have a strong passion for working with children in their early years to assist in fostering their independence and overall growth. In my spare time I enjoy being outdoors soaking up the sun as well as reading the latest true crime book! It will be a pleasure getting to know all of you and working together in ensuring the best for our little ones!

By utilizing the Montessori Method and following the child's interests we provide a Toddler program that is both rich and stimulating for children ages 18 months to age 2.5-3 years. A fundamental characteristic of the Montessori classroom is multiple age-groupings, providing a learning opportunity for your child to work independently and in group settings while also observing peer learning. We are proud to be an accredited Toddler program and implement a strong Montessori philosophy in the classroom. This will help your child develop his or her self-esteem, self-respect, self-discipline and self-confidence.

Our primary approach is to teach your child first as an individual and strive to meet his or her educational potential while meeting their individual learning and personal needs. Combined with a variety of specialty classes- French, Italian, Physical Education, Art and Music - we enrich your child's learning experience and connect with the community.

Here at MSK, we also value, encourage and promote character development through the use of the Virtues Project and Grace & Courtesy we instill the value of independence, peace, tolerance, respect, responsibility, compassion and generosity, to name but a few.

You can continue to rely on our teaching team to meet the developmental goals for your Toddler aged child. Our Toddler students enjoy working and learning in a beautiful classroom with lots of natural sunlight and a variety of games, books, materials, sensorial exploration activities and exercises to promote practical skills. The children learn important social skills as they interact with MSK staff members and their classmates. Your child's health, emotional and nutritional needs are our utmost priority, and we will ensure that you are kept informed of how they are feeling and progressing at the end of each school day. As they grow and develop academically, we will ensure a smooth transition to the MSK Toddler program where both Provincial and Montessori standards are applied and evaluated during the course of your child's education.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding your re-enrollment at MSK and your child’s education, please let us know so that we can assist you in your decision making. We look forward to continuing our educational partnership with you and your child here at the Montessori School in Kleinburg for the 2022-2023 school year.

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