

School District No.22 Academies enhance the traditional curriculum for students motivated to strengthen their skills and improve their abilities in specialized programs that are offered by the district and in partnership with community organizations. Students participating in Academies will receive specialized instruction and learning opportunities that increase student engagement and success.



## ACADEMIES/SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS



**Who may participate?** Grades 1-6

**What is the cost?** No tuition fees. Montessori materials are funded by parent fundraising. School fees follow the School District fee schedule.

**How to apply?** Registration is at Silver Star Elementary School, 1404-35 Ave, Vernon.

**More details?** Contact Principal or Vice-principal at Silver Star Elementary

# Montessori

## Our Goal

**Our goal is to inspire children to foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We provide an engaging, child-centered environment in which children can explore, feel safe to take risks, and invest in their interests.**



## Characteristics of the Montessori Program:

- Emphasis on intrinsic motivation and student choice
- Intentional learning environments designed to facilitate self-directed learning
- Where possible, multi-aged classrooms are provided, so that children develop trusting relationships within a peer cohort
- Working with children of differing ages encouraging leadership skills and collaboration
- Montessori teachers hold an British Columbia teaching certificate and Montessori teacher training
- Beautifully prepared Montessori materials

## Is the Montessori Program the right choice for my child?

### A successful student demonstrates:

- A willingness and capacity to work independently
- An ability to be self-directed in academic success through engagement in British Columbia Curriculum using the Montessori philosophy and methodology
- An appreciation for use of hands-on learning with a diminished focus on homework

