

Did you know that all of our classroom guidelines fall into three categories:

the safety of the individual child;
the safety of others; and
the care of the materials.

Students are taught to consider whether or not a behavior is ***kind, helpful, destructive or unsafe***. Montessori operates on the principle of freedom with boundaries. Every program has its own set of ground rules which differs from age to age, but is always based on core Montessori beliefs – respect for each other and for the environment. The aim is to encourage active, self-directed learning and to strike a balance of individual mastery within small group collaboration within the whole group community. Families and faculty are partners in a student's education and work together for the best interest of the child.

- Consideration...is it ***kind***?

We help others out when we can and treat people with respect.

- Cooperation...is it ***helpful***?

We listen, share and do our part in our community of learners.

- Conservation...is it ***destructive***?

We take care of things and do not destroy or waste them.

- Safety...is it ***unsafe***?

We are careful not to hurt others and solve problems by talking them through.