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THE HARBOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL & CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER



BOOTHBAY REGION YMCA
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A TYPICAL DAY

A typical day at The Harbor Montessori School and Child Enrichment Center is full of fun and excitement. Our well-trained teachers plan curriculum and activities for all the different age groups. We go outside in the mornings and afternoons, giving our friends lots of gross motor time in the fresh air and the center is full of puzzles, toys, and books to help with learning colors, shapes, letters, and fine motor skills. We also sing songs, play instruments, and do lots of art projects. We have breakfast, snacks, lunch, and a rest period to allow friends to refresh and recharge. We are able to offer a healthy and nourishing breakfast and afternoon snack to the children at our center.



WHY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?

Benefits to children in early childhood programs:

- Improved social skills
- Increased vocabulary acquisition
- Increased cognitive skills
- Exposure to culture: music, art, dance, etc.

We strive to create an environment that will give children new experiences that will help them grow mentally, physically, and emotionally.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

M-F 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

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ABOUT US

The Harbor Montessori School and Child Enrichment Center serves children from 6 weeks to 5 years old in the Boothbay Region. Our youngest friends are nurtured in a safe, enriching environment following basic Montessori principles. Teachers create spaces and opportunities for the little ones to learn, explore, and meet developmental milestones. Once our friends reach the age of 3, they enter our Pre-K Montessori program which encourages self-motivation and independence as they seek knowledge and understanding. Curriculum includes important 'real-life' work such as scooping and pouring, but also number work, writing work, and many activities that will adequately prepare the students for their next educational step.



WHAT IS MONTESSORI?

Maria Montessori was a pioneer in the world of education in the late 19th and early 20th century. She developed a method of teaching that was designed to foster a thirst for learning in students. While in a structured environment, students are given the freedom to choose what they'd like to work on and how long they'd like to work on it. Montessori education helps children develop a sense of self-fulfillment when they complete a task and to be internally motivated to learn. Along with counting, reading, and writing, Montessori pedagogy also emphasizes learning real life skills such as getting dressed and putting things away. One of our favorite Montessori mantras is: "Never do for a child what they can do for themselves."



OUR MONTESSORI TEACHERS:

Alexandra Pinkham and Catherine Tracy have been teaching at the Harbor Montessori School for the past five years. They've established a classroom atmosphere and curriculum that helps our friends reach their full potential as they learn and grow. Alexandra and Catherine lead by example, showing their students how to be kind, patient, and self-disciplined.



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:

Because of our connection to the Y, the Harbor Montessori School has some unique program offerings:

- Weekly swim lessons at the Y
- Weekly art classes with a specialist
- Weekly music and movement classes
- Easy access to other Y programming

