



The Montessori Schoolhouse



Dear 6th Avenue Families,

The year is off to a wonderful start! We have lots of new little ones who have already learned the ins and outs of classroom navigation, thanks to their older peer role models and the beginning-of-the-year training from our dedicated teachers. It's so sweet to see all of our students gain a sense of independence and joyful presence at school.

We've been studying letter sounds, the beautiful Montessori sensorial materials, planets, the continents (ask your child to sing you the song!), and insects and arachnids, to name a few topics. Thank you for all of your trust and support— we look forward to seeing you in conferences soon!

Warmly,

*Hannah, Summer, Dolores, Andrea,
Roxy, Lil, and Emirse*

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

No School

Columbus Day
Monday,
October 14th

Thanksgiving Break

No School
Wednesday,
Nov. 27 - Friday
Nov. 29

Conferences

Stay tuned for
sign-up sheets
coming soon!

Thank you for all
of the delicious
snack you've
brought to share
with all the
children! We
really appreciate
your effort and
support!

“The human being is a united whole, but this unity has to be built up and formed by active experiences in the real world, to which it is led by the laws of nature.” —Maria Montessori

How to Use Logical Consequences

Following Up On Our Parent Education Workshop

The purpose of natural and logical consequences is empowerment and responsibility. Consequences (as opposed to punishment) teach children that they can learn about the cause and effect of their own behavior and make choices about what to do next time. A natural consequence happens without intervention: a child runs and falls down, and learns to be more careful thanks to gravity. A logical consequence requires parental input. Here are some useful guidelines for implementing logical consequences:



- Logical consequences should be directly related to the behavior. Ex: A child breaks something, and then they help to fix it. If they hurt someone’s feelings, they can draw or write an apology.
- You can involve the child in coming up with the consequence or solution.
- Logical consequences should not be too strong (punitive) or too weak (permissive) in relation to the behavior.
- Logical consequences should occur as soon as possible after the misbehavior.
- Logical consequences should be applied consistently.
- Logical consequences should be age-appropriate.
- Logical consequences are not threats. Threats teach children to be afraid rather than to understand their impact on the world.

Feel free to ask any of our teachers for input as you’re developing logical consequences for your child— they’re experts!

The Importance of Attendance

The more our students are able to be at school the more they are able to develop their independence, their sense of community, and their academic skills. We really appreciate your efforts to schedule family vacations during school breaks! When you bring your student to school you show respect for their learning and their world. If they are just a little bit sick (a stuffy nose, a little cough) we encourage you to send them in! Their time here is valuable, and the consistency helps them to build skills and resilience. Thank you!