

MONTESORI

ACADEMY OF CHICAGO

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MONTESORI ACADEMY OF CHICAGO ADDS THIRD INFANT CLASSROOM

MAY 12, 2010 - CHICAGO – [The Montessori Academy of Chicago](http://www.montessoriacademychicago.org) has announced the addition of a third infant classroom for the 2010-2011 school year which will accommodate eight new students ages six weeks to fifteen months. Infant classrooms at the Academy have a low child to faculty ratio (3:1), which allows staff to provide an intimate and nurturing learning environment. The Academy is the only Montessori school offering full-time, year-round education for children from birth to age twelve, and the only full-time Montessori program in Chicago with a full-day program serving children from birth to age three.

“We are delighted to expand our classrooms to accommodate the growing need for the infant program at our school,” says Fosca Shackleton White, Founder and Directress of the Montessori Academy of Chicago. “The Infant Curriculum lays the foundation of basic trust in a child and is a critical part of Montessori education.”

The youngest members of the Montessori community are kept in the Nido (Italian for “nest”), which is designed with a special movement area specific to this age group’s needs. In this space the children have access to customized stands, stairs and bars for pulling themselves up, a quiet sleeping area with individual beds and cribs, an eating area equipped with child size tables and a physical care area for bathing and changing. Primary goals during this stage include development of movement and independence.

The Montessori Academy of Chicago was established by Bill and Fosca White in 2005 in response to the lack of high-quality full-time childcare and educational options for their two young sons. The school opened in the West Loop with 43 students and now welcomes nearly 200 students to its facility on a daily basis.

The Montessori philosophy was originally conceived in the early 20th century by Maria Montessori, a physician and educator who opened her first school in 1907 in Rome. The Academy is currently accepting applications for Infant through Elementary I programs (3rd grade) for the 2010-2011 school year. The school is located at 1335 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL. For more information, please call 312/243-0977 or visit montessoriacademychicago.org.

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