



What is Montessori?

Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities. Learning is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning.

Through a **prepared environment** and using a modified Montessori curriculum Makakilo Baptist Church Preschool provides a balanced Christian program to meet the child's spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, and social needs.

Spiritual development involves an understanding of and personal relationship with God as revealed in the Bible through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. In order to encourage and enhance the spiritual development of each child, Christian activities such as Daily Devotional times, Bible stories, weekly Chapel, grace at meals, Christmas and Easter celebrations, and Bible verse memorization are incorporated throughout the school's curriculum.

Social development involves responsible relationships through communication skills, cooperative attitudes, and concern for others. The preschool environment provides the child with many opportunities to learn about and practice social interactions, courtesy and social graces.

Emotional development is enhanced as children learn that they are worthy of respect and are helped to continue to develop a healthy sense of self worth and self-esteem. The staff's caring manner and loving interest reflects their concern for each child as an individual.

Intellectual development involves the child's readiness to understand concepts, his interest level, and his ability to concentrate in various learning situations. Intellectual development will be enhanced through varied, practical, and challenging exercises appropriate to the child's ability and stage of development.

Physical development includes emphasis on basic needs such as nutrition, rest, personal hygiene, muscle strength, and coordination. Makakilo Baptist Church Preschool will provide varied learning activities to convey the basic concepts through practical instructions.

