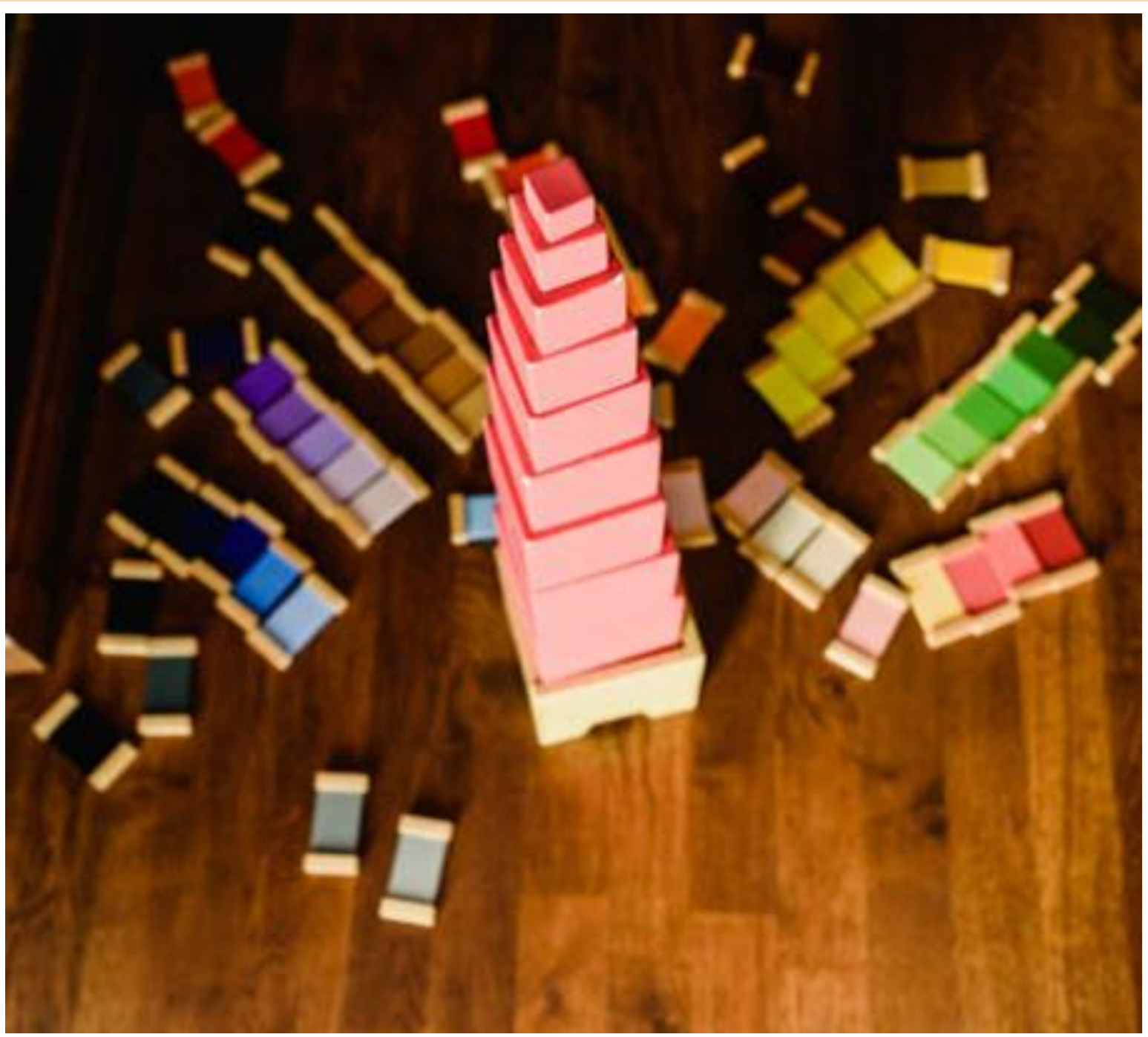


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Montessori Project

Welcome!

What is CMP?

The California Montessori Project is a tuition-free public charter school network made up of six campuses in the greater Sacramento ared:

- American River (Fair Oaks)
- Capitol (Sacramento)
- Carmichael
- Elk Grove
- Orangevale
- Shingle Springs



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The Mission of the California Montessori Project is to provide a quality, tuition-free Montessori Education that challenges our students to reach their full potential.

CMP's Vision

The Vision of the California Montessori Project is to provide a Montessori education that supports the intellectual, social and emotional development of every child. This will be achieved by:

Promoting independence

Teaching respect for oneself and others

Building confidence

Creating a sense of social responsibility

Empowering every student to be a global citizen.

What is a Charter School?

- **CMP is an Independent Charter authorized by four local school districts (San Juan, Sacramento City, Elk Grove, and Buckeye Union School District)**
  - Allows alternate teaching methods. (Montessori Philosophy & Curriculum) while addressing CA State Standards (CCSS)
  - Oversight by Governing Board: Comprised of parents, teachers, and community members
  - Funded directly by the state through tax dollars
  - Is a public school

Educational Program and Philosophy



- Montessori is an educational system that supports the physical, social-emotional, and cognitive development of the individual child. It bears the name of its originator, Dr. Maria Montessori.
- Characterized by an emphasis on independence, increased responsibility and freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural development.
- The most distinct elements of Montessori educational programs are mixed age classrooms, students having a choice of activities from within a prescribed range of options, uninterrupted blocks of work time, and a "discovery" model of learning in which students learn concepts from working with hands-on materials.
- Since the early 1900's, Dr. Montessori's philosophy, materials, and practices have spread around the globe and have been implemented in a multitude of cultural settings. There are now thousands of certified, private Montessori schools and over several hundred public Montessori schools in the United States.

Educational Program and Philosophy

- Students learn through use of special manipulative Montessori materials
- Our curriculum is carefully aligned with the California Content Standards
- Supplemental curriculum and technology is integrated in accord with Montessori methodology
- Students work independently and in small groups
- Students are empowered to manage their daily independent work
- Teachers continually assess and monitor student progress (formally and informally)





The Montessori Classroom

- Beautiful environments
- Low student/teacher ratios
- Multi-age classrooms
- Students work at tables, individual desks, or on small work rugs on the floor
- Movement & Interaction
- Collaborative work is encouraged
- Peer tutoring
- Students care for the class environment

Curriculum

Core Subjects

- Math, Language, Reading and Writing
- Science (botany, zoology, chemistry & earth science)
- History and Social Studies
- Geography
- Physical Education

Enrichment Subjects

- Art and Music
- Social Emotional Development Curriculum
- Character Development
- Rosetta Stone (TK-8th) language studies (Spanish, German, Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, French)









What Makes a Successful Montessori Student?



- Works independently
- Is self-motivated
- Takes responsibility for their actions
- Utilizes individual weekly work plans
- Makes safe, respectful & responsible choices for themselves
- Is a critical thinker and life-long learner
- Celebrates diversity
- Is an agent of change with a sense of community and social responsibility

Homework Examples

- Tk/Kindergarten through 3rd grade: nightly reading, practicing sight words, Rosetta Stone, and practical life homework; project based assignments (animal reports, recipe projects, etc.) that come home throughout the year

- 4th-6th grade: reading, spelling, research projects

- Middle School: unfinished independent work, research projects, follow up practice from math, science, history

Student Behavior Expectations

- **Positive Discipline approach:**

Classroom teachers utilize the methods of "Positive Discipline" to promote respect, responsibility, and good choices among the students. Positive Discipline emphasizes adults pre-communicating expectations and consequences to children, being kind but firm in expectations, and following through if consequences must be acted upon. Students are continually reminded that they are responsible for the choices they make. Teachers use class meetings to facilitate community discussions and problem-solving.

- **Practicing Conflict Resolution Skills: Classroom Peace Area**
- **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports:**

    CMP Carmichael Sharks SURF: Safe, Understanding, Responsible, Finding Solutions

- **Ed Code applies, as public school**

Field Trips

- Important feature of the curriculum
- Tk-3rd: attend approximately 3-5 field trips per year
- 4th-6th: attend approximately 4-7 field trips per year, as well as an end of the year Milestone trip (4th-Coloma, 5th-Redwoods, 6th-Sly Park)
- Middle School: Immersion trips between each 6 week cycle (6 -10 field trips per year)
- Parent participation critical for success as drivers and volunteers
- Contributions toward field trips to offset costs

Transitioning to a Montessori Classroom?

- **If your child is used to a traditional classroom format, in which all of the students are working on the same activity at the same time as one teacher leads them, be aware that in a Montessori classroom there is a different structure:**

  -In Montessori classrooms, students' skills are assessed, then they are given lessons and assignments based on their academic needs.

  -On a typical day, students will have 2-3 hours to complete their daily assignments. Teachers give lessons on new concepts and they, along with the Teaching Assistant, are there to support students, but students are responsible for be on-task and completing their individual work independently.

Our Highly Qualified Teachers

- Hold both California and Montessori teaching credentials
- Prepare an inviting, enriched classroom environment
- Promote and maintain the learning environment
- Respect each child as an individual
- Communicate openly with parents and partner with families
- Deliver both small and large group lessons
- Prepare individualized lessons

CMP Carmichael: Campus Hours

- **Regular School Day:**
  Tk/Kindergarten: 8:30am-2:00pm
  1st – 6th grade: 8:30am-3:00pm
  7th-8th grade: 8:30am-3:15pm

- **Early Release Days (scheduled Wednesdays twice per month and during conference weeks):**
  Tk/Kindergarten: 8:30-11:45am
  1st – 6th grade: 8:30-12:00pm
  7th-8th grade: 8:30-12:15pm

CMP Carmichael Classrooms

- 6 classrooms for Tk/K
- 12 classrooms for 1st – 3rd grade ("lower elementary"); combinations of 1st and 2nd grade, and 2nd and 3rd grade
- 8 classrooms for 4th – 6th grade ("upper elementary"); combination of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade in each class
- 3 classrooms for 7th and 8th grade; function as one class, students rotate across three teachers for subject area lessons; one homeroom

CMP Carmichael Classrooms Include:

- Intervention programs for students needing additional support in reading or math
- Special education services
- Teaching assistant in every classroom
- Additional staff to support activities and lessons for art, outdoor education, P.E.; school counselor

Dress Code

- **Dress Code/Uniform Policy**
  - -Navy or Khaki bottoms
  - -Collared shirts without logos
  - -Navy, white, hunter green burgundy, light blue, gray
  - -CMP-burgundy t-shirt, Shark Spirit Wear, or classroom t-shirts also allowed.
  - -Middle School only: has “right of passage” additions to dress code (black allowed;, jeans allowed)
  - -Shoes, socks, tights, etc. dress code colors
- **Free-Dress Fridays**
- **Lunch brought from home**
- **School breakfast program**





School Library

- The CMP Carmichael Library is a vibrant, fun, and engaging place for our community to learn and develop skills for learning and personal development.
- The Library is home to over 7500 books, 50 educational documentaries, 609 digital ebooks, and 100 audiobooks.
- Our Library website provides students with a daily read-aloud, themed activities during the school year, digital field trips, and fun stem and arts and craft activities!

School Events

- Meet & Greet
- Back to School Nights
- Monthly Assemblies
- International Day of Peace
- Harvest Festival
- Watch-Me-Work Nights
- Jog-a -Thon
- Book Fairs
- Kindergarten Winter Program
- Classroom Programs/Plays
- Read-a-Thon
- Cultural Fair/Science Expo
- Art Walk
- 8th grade graduation



After School Enrichment

- Art
- Ukelele
- Choir
- Piano
- Dance
- Spanish
- Early Engineers
- Chess
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Partnerships with local parks districts to access additional sport programs





Parent Involvement

- Have regular and positive communications with teachers and administrators
- Learn about the Montessori approach – attend Montessori 101!
- Ensure your child/ren attends school each day and on time
- Read classroom and school newsletters
- Attend parent meetings and conferences offered by classroom teacher
- Monthly Principal's Café
- Be involved in school-wide events
- Participate, get Involved and volunteer!

School Facility

- CMP-Carmichael has resided at La Sierra since 2011-12.
- Student enrollment currently 670 students
- Large Field and Play structure
- Gymnasium for PE
- Secure, gated campus
- Club Montessori: Fee based before and after school program
- Convenient drop-off & pick-up loops



School Facility

- Koob's Nature Center
- School Library
- Art Studio
- Science Lab
- Student gardens



Shared Facility

- Property of Carmichael Recreation and Parks District
- La Sierra Community Center
  - -Public events on occasion
  - -No public access to field or play structure during school hours
- Montessori Preschool-privately owned
- Chautauqua Playhouse
- Fine Arts Center

Club M

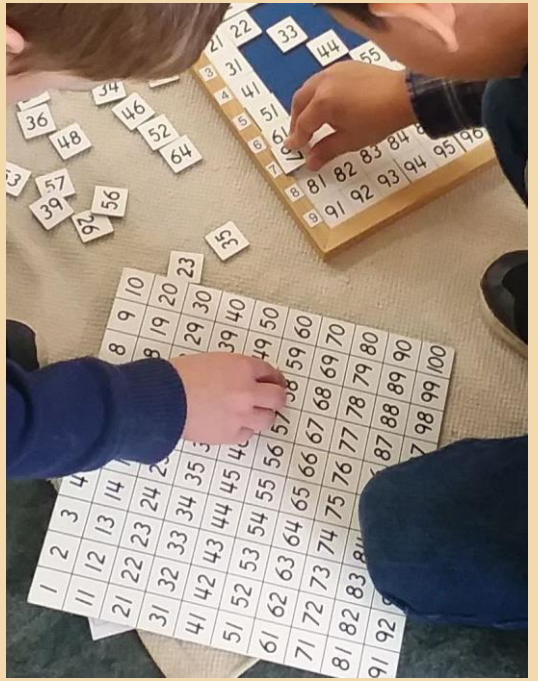
-Club M is for before and after school care each school day and during intersession periods. Activities include homework, arts and crafts, STEM activities, and outdoor activities.

-Families register their students for Before and After School Care, Kindergarten Supplemental, or for our Punch Card Program.

- Before School Program: 7:00 am, Monday-Friday.

-After School Program: 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

Outcomes



- After graduation from CMP-Carmichael, graduates move onto local district schools such Del Campo, Rio Americano, Mira Loma, & El Camino, as well as local charters such as The Met

- Alumni report ease of transition to High School and describe the Montessori emphasis on responsibility, self-motivation and working independently as serving them well. They report feeling confident as they navigate their new school.

Lottery and Enrollment Process

- California Montessori Project admits new students through a public, random lottery draw. The lottery application process starts with our online SchoolMint platform and can be accessed at:

  https://cmp.schoolmint.net

- You can complete the application now – easy in 5 minutes!

Lottery and Enrollment Process (cont)

For more information on CMP's enrollment lottery process and our CMP SchoolMint dashboard, a complete timeline of the lottery application, registration and waitlist process, commonly requested resources, or campus contact information, please visit:

www.cacmp.org

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Campus Visit

If you would like to visit our campus in person, you can join us for a tour on:

- **Wednesday, January 26th at 4pm**
- **Thursday, February 24th at 4pm**
- **Monday, March 21st at 4pm**


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MUCH!