



SANCTA MARIA

A Montessori School in the Catholic Tradition

Observation Guide

Feel free to park in the driveway when you arrive at 1623 Elm Street. Our school is located on the west side of the building, around the garage and down the stairs. The primary program is the first door on the left at the bottom of the stairs, and the elementary program is further to the south.

When you arrive for your observation, you will be offered a chair where you can see the majority of the classroom.

During the observation, you should refrain from interacting with the children during work time unless prompted by the teacher. If children come up to interact with you a simple “I came to see you work.” is a good response.

Observe the children for the variety of materials the children are using, the different subject areas the children are working within, and what someone your child’s age is working on.

Look for qualities of independence, self-discipline, self-direction, concentration, and joy.

Most observations last one hour. There will be a follow-up with the teacher following the observation.

If you have discerned a good fit with the teacher and there are spots available in the classroom of interest, please email sanctamariamontessori@gmail.com to fill out the enrollment contract.