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Prospectus Storyville Montessori- 2025

Our vision is to develop game changers who create a radiant future for the world. Our mission is to educate the whole child – awakening his full potential.

“The child is endowed with unknown powers which can guide us to a radiant future. If what we really want is a new world, then education must take, as its aim, the development of these hidden possibilities.” ~ Dr Maria Montessori

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times, the celebrated physician and educator, Dr Maria Montessori was intent on changing the world, one child at a time. Having lived through the destruction ravaged by two world wars, she strove to create a peaceful new world by supporting children in their holistic development to gain global perspective, vision, drive, and respect for all life.

Her dream aligns with that of the father of our nation, Nobel Peace Prize winning President Nelson Mandela, who lived to create a free society living in harmony. In his words, education is the most powerful weapon with which to change the world. Their dreams are our dream too. I invite you to partner with us in striving to fulfil them in our South African context, creating a ripple effect into the future.

WHY CHOOSE US

Educating your child, the Montessori way is our life's calling and greatest passion. It is our privilege to invest our best energy in the holistic development of your child at Storyville Montessori, where nature is a teacher too.

Dr Maria Montessori said that an important yardstick of quality education is the happiness of the child. This is paramount in everything we do. Here we encourage children to suck the marrow out of life and experience their childhood as rich and satisfying, whilst obtaining an international level of education.

Mixed-age classrooms

Montessori classes are separated into three-year cycles so that the child is placed with others in a classroom of peers who are in the same developmental stage as they are.

The children benefit from this arrangement in many ways:

- Younger children learn from older children through observation.
- Older children can present work to younger children – this benefits the younger child and the older child's sense of self-esteem and competence is enhanced.
- The daily interaction between the older and younger children gives them the advantage of observing conflict resolution and other social skills at their level of understanding and stage of development. Older children learn tolerance and patience with the younger children and begin to see themselves as role models. The younger children in turn look up to older children and turn to them for guidance and help.

- Because we encourage children to work at their own pace, they are not pressured to achieve what others in their age group are achieving. This not only benefits the child who needs more time to consolidate information and skills but gives the child who is ready to move onto more advanced work the opportunity to do so.
- A sense of community is enhanced, where everyone plays a role in the smooth running of the class.
- The behaviors that frustrate us as parents (like children refusing to put things away), often don't present themselves in the classroom where the peer group quickly step in and correct the issue. This is done in such a way that the child doesn't feel like she/he is being reprimanded, and easily complies.

MOVEMENT AND SPORT

To develop healthy, active children and support them in mastering new skills, we provide a wide range of stimulating, holistic activities.

INCLUDED:

Weekly isiZulu lessons

Baking club

Art club

Robotics and coding

Physical education (PE)

EXTRA - MURALS

Swimming

Ballet

Soccer

Meals:

Children are provided with breakfast, a mid-morning snack and a healthy cooked lunch by our chef. We do not provide snacks, as we like to encourage parents to pack a healthy nutritious snack for their children if they are full day, fruits/bread/leftovers. We do not allow sweets/crisps/Simba/chocolates and juice. We encourage healthy eating and therefore have a strict food policy

General Information

Gates open 06:30 am Breakfast served from 07:30 to 08:00

School starts 08:15

School closes Toddlers 12:30-14:00 Nap time

Pre School 13:00 -14:00 Calm time

- Aftercare is available until 18:00.

Pre-School Learning

We offer a wide range of educational opportunities for children during the important early formative years. Beginning with practical and social skills, children learn to keep track of their belongings, put things away, and share materials.

Academics are introduced through concrete, manipulative materials which utilize all five senses and lay the groundwork for abstract thinking.

Daily Living Exercises

These activities, which Dr Montessori called "Practical Life", prepare children to care for themselves and the environment and give each child a sense of mastery and self-confidence. Performing

such tasks as sweeping, polishing, washing, and preparing food, children develop coordination, concentration, and good work habits such as completing a task.

Sensorial Exercises

Montessori materials are designed to heighten the child's senses of sight, touch, sound, taste and smell. By focusing on the senses, children are given a key to understanding and classifying the environment. Distinguishing, categorizing, and comparing the concrete lays the foundation for understanding the abstract.

Mathematics

Children's understanding of the basic mathematic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division emerges from using manipulative materials such as rods, beads, sandpaper numerals, cards and counters which allow the child to visualize the abstraction of numbers.

Using self-correcting materials, children learn not only number recognition and place value, but also to solve **problems and to develop a visual image of mathematical concepts.**

Storyville Montessori School Fees 2025

Please note that fees are due every month on or before the 1st day of each month and are payable over 11 months (Jan-Nov) or 12months (Jan-Dec) a R100 penalty fee will be charged for late payment.

- Sibling discount: 6% on 2nd Childs fees
: 7% on total fees 3 kids
- Pay fees in full at the start of the year: 6% discount.

- A month calendar (1st of the month running to the end of the same month) notice is required should you need to remove your little one from our school.
- The months of October, November and December cannot be used as a notice period. Please be advised that no notice of withdrawal can be submitted for the months of **October**, November and December. During this period, any requests to withdraw a student from the school will not be processed, and the standard withdrawal notice period will resume in February. This policy helps maintain stability in classrooms and ensure consistent planning for the remainder of the school year
- We do not close during school holidays; our school offers a holiday program which is at an **extra cost. See the pricing page.**
- Equipment levy fee and school fees are to be paid prior to your little one joining us.

Birthdays:

Parents are more than welcome to join us on your child's birthday while we do a special birthday ring. Parents may bring either cupcakes or a cake, but no party packs. Unfortunately, we cannot allow you to bring jumping castles or any other party entertainers as it just takes up too much of our morning and we won't be able to get any Montessori activities done with the children.

- **Public Holidays 2024**

Public holidays: If a public holiday is on a Tuesday, then the Monday before the holiday, school will be

closed. If a holiday falls on a Thursday, then the Friday thereafter school will be closed as well.

Storyville Montessori Fees 2025

FULL DAY	R 4060	12 months January to December.
HALF DAY	R 3800	12 months January to December.
3 DAYS	R3200	Per Month (TODDLERS ONLY 1-3 years)
Equipment Levy Compulsory Non- Refundable	R 1500	Once-off at registration (includes all stationery and Montessori learning equipment)
FULL DAY 11 MONTHS	R4429	Full day 11 months January to November. Enrollment after January, will

		automatically include month of December.
Sibling discount 6%	R7876	Full Days 12 months January to December Child 1 R4060 Child 2 R3816
Sibling discount 6% 11 Months	R8592 (2 KIDS)	Full day 11 months January to November
Year fee paid in advance 6% discount	R45797	Year fee paid before the 5th of January 2025

<p>Aftercare- Primary school Grade 1-7 Single day Aftercare R100</p> <p>Ad hoc day care, daily rate</p>	<p>R1200 monthly Homework assistance. Reading and writing. Snack included.</p> <p>R250 Per day including breakfast and lunch.</p>
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Payment options

School fees must be paid in advance, either annually in full, monthly, or quarterly. Please note, should you elect to pay fees monthly, the monthly fee payable is 12 equal months' installments, including January and December. Monthly fees are due in advance on or before the 1st of each calendar month.

Should you opt to pay monthly fee over 11 equal months January to November, your monthly fee will be divided into 11 equal months. We advise parents to take this option as it relieves them from the December payment.

The school calendar will follow the government terms and public holidays except in the last term when school closes in the second week of December. There is no discount for holidays, absences due to illness or any other.

Please indicate preferred option on the attached enrollment forms. We thank you for making Storyville Montessori your school of choice. We look forward to welcoming you and your child/children to the school and trust that 2024 will be a successful year.

New School Terms and Holidays 2025:

Holiday program available at an extra cost. See prices below.

<u>Terms</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Term 1	8 January- 28 March
Holiday Club	31 March-07 April 2025 R 500 Holiday program or R130 p/day
Term 2	08 April 2025- 27 June 2025
Holiday Club	30 June -21 July 2025 R1300 Holiday Club or 130 p/day
Term 3	22 July – 03 October 2025
Holiday Club	6 October – 10 October 2025 R500 Holiday Club or 130p/day
Term 4	13 October -15 December 2025

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Storyville Montessori is closed on the following days:

- Friday 21 March Human Rights Day
- 18 April (Easter Weekend) re-open Tuesday the 22nd April.
- 28 April Freedom day
- 1st of May and Friday 2nd May
- All public holidays, Storyville Montessori will be closed.

School fees Payment instructions:

Please use the schools banking details below. Please use the child's initials and surname for the first payment. Once enrolled the child will receive their own reference number for future use.

Storyville Montessori

FNB Cheque Account

Account number: 62554588073

Branch code: 250655

You can begin your Montessori journey at any time during your child's education and we welcome you to our family with open arms. We invite you to join us on our mission to see your children thrive and support the growth of tomorrow's legacies.

Yours in education

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