

Coastal Montessori

— CHARTER SCHOOL —

Welcome to Coastal Montessori Charter School! We are so glad you could be with us this morning. I want to personally thank you for taking the time to visit our classrooms and learn more about the Montessori way. Feel free to email me with questions at nhunt@coastalmontessoricharter.org or make an appointment to meet with me to discuss follow-up questions.

Kindly,
Dr. Hunt

Observation Day Form

Please sit in one of the two cushioned foldable chairs specifically placed for you. Avoid moving the chair to get closer to particular areas of the room. These seats were purposefully placed. As you observe refer to the following main tenets of Montessori and feel free to take notes.

Main Tenets of Montessori

- 1) Beauty and Simplicity: The room is clean, organized, and systematic
- 2) Freedom and Responsibility: Choice with parameters
- 3) Didactic Material: Materials neatly organized and prepared for student use
- 4) Movement and Cognition: Scholars may work in different areas of the room at will
- 5) Interest and Choice: Teachers invite scholars to lessons and connect lessons to scholars' interests
- 6) Learning from and with Peers: Collaborative work with same and other age peers
- 7) Learning in Context: Key lessons are taught in a relevant context in relation to its use in the world
- 8) Teacher as Facilitator: The teacher facilitates individual education plans for all 25 scholars

<i>Freedom and Responsibility</i>	<i>Didactic Material</i>	<i>Observation Notes</i>
Scholars use work plans or record books to record their daily work	All Lower and Upper Elementary Classrooms are equipped with wooden Montessori didactic material	
Scholars choose what they do first, second, third, fourth, etc.	Didactic material were first developed by Dr. Montessori and inspired by Froebel's Kindergarten material	
Teacher Assistants and/or Lead Teachers see and check work before scholars move on to their next work	Didactic material have built in systems of self-check so students know as they use them if they are using them correctly	