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MONTESSORI PARENT AND CHILD PROGRAM SURPASSES 100 ENROLLED FAMILIES

IRVINE, California, February 19, 2013 – Over 100 families are now enrolled in the Montessori “Mommy & Me”, or parent & child, program at [LePort Schools in Huntington Beach and Irvine](#), making this program one of the biggest of its kind in the US.

“Introducing parents to Montessori by making it possible for them to experience this unique educational environment together with their child is just wonderful”, says Ray Girn, CEO of LePort Schools. “When we looked into Montessori parent & child programs two years ago, we found that they are rare. Based on our research, we believe that with over 100 families enrolled in our program right now, we are probably the biggest Montessori parent & child program in the US. We’re very excited that so many Orange County families are engaging in this opportunity to learn about Montessori, and to build a skill set they can apply at home.”

LePort’s [Montessori Parent & Child programs](#) are offered for infants (10 weeks – 17 months) and toddlers (18 – 36 months.) Each class lasts 8 weeks and meets once a week for 90 minutes at one of LePort’s six campuses in Huntington Beach and Irvine. The parent and child teams experience a Montessori day in a nutshell, complete with a Montessori “work period”, snack time, group time, and outdoor play. A trained teacher guides parents as they interact with their child within the carefully prepared Montessori environment. She introduces Montessori materials to the children and provides individualized guidance to parents on how to use Montessori principles to help them better understand their infant or toddler. She also gives lots of ideas for how parents can apply Montessori tips to their home environment.

“We’ve been amazed at the level of interest. We now offer 14 classes in parallel, and they all fill up quickly, mostly via word of mouth,” explains Cornelia Lockitch, LePort’s Montessori Curriculum Coordinator. “I think that’s because the Mommy & Me Montessori program is a great opportunity for parents interested in a [Montessori preschool](#) to try it out first, to become familiar with what Montessori at LePort looks like in practice. Montessori can seem mysterious to parents until they experience it firsthand. Mommy & Me Montessori familiarizes parents with the [routines and pacing of a Montessori class](#), which can really build their confidence and trust in a school, as well as ease any inevitable [separation anxiety](#) if they eventually decide to enroll their child.”

The current Montessori parent and child session, which runs through late March, is now closed for registrations. The next session begins April 8th and opens for registrations on March 1st. Parents who are interested in enrolling in the Montessori parent and child program are encouraged to visit the [Montessori parent and child program web site](#) and to add themselves to the interest lists to receive enrollment information via email in early March.

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The Parent and Child Montessori program is available at all [six LePort campuses in Huntington Beach and Irvine](#).



The program takes place in LePort's well-equipped [Montessori infant](#) and [Montessori toddler classrooms](#).



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The Montessori Parent & Child program is a great introduction for families who are considering enrolling their child in the Montessori infant, Montessori toddler, or [Montessori preschool](#) programs at LePort Schools.