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**LEPORT MONTESSORI SCHOOL NOW OPEN AT
ORCHARD HILLS VILLAGE CENTER**

Irvine, California, January 30, 2012 – LePort Montessori School is opening a preschool campus at Orchard Hills Village Center this week. This school, the third LePort location in Irvine, is welcoming its initial group of 2- to 6-year-old student to school on Wednesday, February 1.

The new preschool is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and offers a choice of part-day, full-day and extended day preschool programs, as well a parent and child “Mommy and Me Montessori” program for 18- to 36-month-old children.

“The parent demand at Orchard Hills has been very strong,” explains Monica LePort, head of operations at LePort Schools. “As we open this week, our school is basically full for this school year. We are now accepting waitlist placements for fall enrollment, at the Orchard Hills campus and for our other three Irvine locations, including the new LePort school, scheduled to open in September, at One Technology Park in Irvine Spectrum.”

LePort Orchard Hills offers an authentic Montessori education, enabling each child to develop personal, life and social skills, and to learn reading, writing and arithmetic in preschool.

Parents interested in learning more are invited to attend the Grand Opening Event on Saturday, February 11th, from 10 am – 12 pm. Parents can learn about LePort’s Montessori program and meet staff from several LePort campuses. Children will enjoy free entertainment from face painting and balloon artists.

Individual tours at the Orchard Hills school are available starting in mid-February; families can arrange for a tour by calling the school at (866) 694-6268.

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LePort Montessori Opening at Orchard Hills Village Center

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While many preschools have struggled over the past few years, LePort Schools has consistently maintained high enrollment. Both existing Irvine campuses are filled to capacity, and enrollment at LePort's other campuses has grown by 20% in the past year. Open enrollment for all LePort Schools for September 2012 starts March 15th. Families are encouraged to tour the schools now and to place children on the waitlist by the end of February to secure a spot for fall.

To learn more about LePort Schools, visit www.LePortSchools.com. The Orchard Hills campus is now accepting applications for preschool students (ages 3 to 6) for a few remaining spots, as well as waitlist placements for all programs for Summer/Fall 2012.

Orchard Hills Village Center, owned and managed by Irvine Company, is located at Portola Parkway and Culver Drive in Irvine. The center is anchored by Pavilions and CVS with a convenient drive-through pharmacy, and also has 18 other stores, restaurants and services.

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The Orchard Hills LePort campus



The Orchard Hills campus is a welcoming, small environment, with bright, spacious classrooms, equipped with pristine wooden furniture and a wide range of intriguing materials for the children to explore.



This future Orchard Hills Montessori student is exploring a Sensorial Exercise during last week's Meet & Greet event for families starting school this week.



At the Grand Opening event on February 11th, parents and children will have the opportunity to visit all four classrooms, explore the playground, and get their questions answered by the LePort team.



The LePort teachers are looking forward to meeting their students this week, and to introducing them to all the interesting activities offered in the classroom.



The LePort Orchard Hills administrative team, Jillian Steinkoenig and Jami Jacobi are eager to welcome you to the school.