

Welcome to the Montessori 3-6 Program



A Caring Place invites you to our unfolding Montessori Environment. Our goal is to help children grow physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually.

The Montessori Method

Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was an Italian educator, scientist, physician, philosopher, feminist, and humanitarian. As Maria Montessori said, "I have studied the child. I have taken what the child has given me and expressed it and that is what is called the Montessori Method." She came up with this method from observing the development of children, and through her observations she discovered that children possess an innate desire to learn. She advocated developmentally appropriate curriculum at a time when child development was barely understood or even recognized. The Montessori Method of education calls for hands-on, individualized learning within mixed age groups in a child-friendly setting. This method has been successful around the world for more than 100 years. In a Montessori classroom, the prepared environment is crucial because children learn by interacting with their environment.

Staffing

Our Montessori 3-6 Program has 40 children, two teachers, one afternoon teacher, and two aides.

Head Teacher – Miss Liz

Teacher- Miss Kalei

Afternoon Teacher – Miss Stephanie

Aides – Miss Jessica B. and Miss Bree

Curriculum Program

A Caring Place uses the Montessori Method of education for the young child. Within this method the children experience activities in the following areas: math, language, social studies, science, art, music, and physical education. Our classroom is designed to both stimulate group activities and to allow the child special individual space as needed to develop.

About Miss Liz

As head teacher of the Montessori 3-6 Program, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself and my educational background. I began working at A Caring Place (formerly known as The Carey School) in 1991 as a child-care aide. In 1995 I received my CDA (Child Development Associate) certification from the National Council for Professional Recognition. I completed the Montessori training program at Chaminade University and received certification from the American Montessori Society in 1998. In 2004 I obtained an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, and I went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Chaminade University in 2006. I love working with young children, and I find my job very rewarding.

About Miss Kalei

Aloha! My name is Kalei Hoopii. I graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. In 2007-2010, I began my teaching career at Calvary Preschool starting off as an Assistant Teacher in the 3 year old program for a year, then moving up to Lead Teacher in the 4 year old program. In 2010-2011, I worked as a Teacher at The Children's House. I have a passion for education and love working with children.

Our Teaching Philosophy

We believe it's important for the children to be exposed to basic academic skills. The children should become familiar with letters, numbers, and pencil writing skills. More than academics, however, we believe children should possess good social skills. They need to be able to get along with their peers and resolve conflicts in a peaceful way through communication. These are skills many adults lack, and we believe if we instill these skills in children at a young age, they will become better human beings. It's also important to teach tolerance and acceptance. By teaching a year long continent study, we try to expose the children to different people, cultures, and races. We want them to learn respect for cultures different from their own, but we also want them to learn that despite our differences we are all connected. We also want the children to learn responsibility for the world in which they live. We want them to have compassion and respect for others, and we want them to know that it's up to all of us to make the world a better place. It's not enough to simply talk about it; each of us must carry this out through our actions. If we can successfully do this, we feel we have done our job as effective educators.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Miss Liz and Miss Kalei are available for parent/teacher conferences on a regular basis. Please see your child's circle teacher to schedule an appointment should you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's development.