



La Casita Bilingüe Montessori School

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La Casita... At A Glance

Class size: Preschool "Caterpillar": 16 children aged 2.5 to 4 years

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten class "Butterfly": 24 children aged 4.5 to 6 years.

Teachers: Preschool classroom has one Montessori Certified Head Teacher and 1 Associate Teacher. Pre-K/K classroom has one Montessori Certified Head Teacher, 1 Associate Teacher and 1 Assistant. All teachers, assistants, and staff speak English and Spanish.

Programs: We operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 -6:00 PM with three available schedules: 9:00-1:00, 9:00-3:00, and 7:30 -6:00.

School Calendar: Our regular school year begins late August and runs through mid- June. The school is closed on Federal Holidays, two weeks for Winter Break (December/January) and one week in the Spring.

Spanish Immersion Summer Program: We offer two 3-week sessions in July and August. Children participating in summer program must be 3 years of age.

Lunch and Snack: Children bring their own lunch. The school provides a healthy snack with milk, 100 % fruit juice, and water.

Extras: Weekly extracurricular classes such as music, mindful yoga/movement, as well as drama class with Berkeley Rep's "Storybuilders" program. Optional classes: Flamenco and gymnastics.

Field Trips: Regular fieldtrips are taken with parent participation. We schedule trips to a Pumpkin Patch, local museums, performing arts events, a working farm, etc. We also schedule on site visits from the local Fire and Police Departments, and such programs as the Oakland Zoo's *Zoomobile*, and the Insect Discovery Lab.

Parent Participation: We welcome parent involvement and require 25 hours per year of parent participation. These may be fulfilled through school committees, events, gardening, fundraising, assistance in the classroom, parent workdays, etc. In June, all incomplete hours will be billed at \$20.00 per hour.

Enrollment: Upon reviewing the information package, you may call to schedule an observation appointment. All appointments are 30 minutes, and are scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings. Appointments are for observation ONLY. A separate appointment can be made with the Director to discuss any questions you may have during the observation and/or enrollment.

Admission Requirements:

- Classroom observation WITH your child
- One on one meeting with Head Teacher/Director
- Completed Enrollment Application and Enrollment Package.

For Child:

- 2 ½ years of age
- Potty-trained
- Displays readiness to be in a daily, structured classroom environment with other children.