



PRIVATE FAMILY SCHOOL with 12 years history

Montessori Nursery for ages 1.5 to 6 opened in 2010, Elementary School for ages 6-12 in 2014, Upper Elementary for ages 12-15 in 2019. Number of students in Elementary School limited to maximum 10 in each grade to maintain family atmosphere. Mixed age classrooms in accordance with the Montessori Method (one classroom for each age group: 6-9, 9-12, 12-15), two Czech teachers in each classroom, native English-speaking teacher in each classroom, assistant teachers, additional specialist teachers for selected subjects in the Upper Elementary.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Morning childcare from 7.45.
- **8.30 – 11.30/12.00 morning study cycle** – group or individual work with Montessori materials and theme projects, no fixed subjects schedule, teachers guide the children in their development, respond to their needs and interests and support their choices and inner motivation.
- 11.30 – 12.00/12.00-12.30 lunch, outside relax time till 13.30.
- **13.30 – 15.00 afternoon study cycle** – less demanding work for younger students (creative projects, reading workshops etc.).
- 15.00 – 16.45 afternoon childcare and interest clubs.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (regular activities scheduled)

- Daily **outside recess after lunch** (free time, games, sports, forest exploration).
- Once per week **PE in the gym** of ZŠ Jitřní (10 minutes' walk).
- Bi-weekly group **workshops for development of social and emotional skills** through games, drama therapy and body work with Glynis Hull-Rochelle (drama therapist, circus and yoga teacher, former Montessori teacher).
- Weekly **community circles** to openly discuss appreciations and complaints and support students in creating and reflecting the community rules.
- One day in a week **work and study at the school garden** in Kunratice **for Upper Elementary students** – natural & other sciences theories applied in practice, first practical business projects including budgeting, marketing, sales of products, community events for public etc.
- Twice per week **Spanish as a second foreign language for Upper Elementary students** (for younger students voluntary).

AFTERNOON INTEREST CLUBS

- Ceramics, arts, crafts, drama, aikido.
- Price from CZK 1900 to 2600 for 5 months semester.

FOOD

- Morning snacks from home.
- **Lunches delivered by Ekolandia** (www.ekolandia.cz) – choice from three menus every day.
- Afternoon snacks prepared at school with children – fresh vegetables and fruits, bread with various spreads.
- Price for food CZK 2000 monthly (CZK 100 per day).

COOPERATION WITH PARENTS

- Personal daily brief info exchange with teachers while bringing or picking-up children or mails to teachers; simple and practical mobile application Twigsee for announcing absences and lunch cancelations.



- Info and photos from classrooms shared with parents through Twigsee a few times during the week and published at school boards, where parents can also place their messages and wishes.
- Photos from all activities published at an internal webpage monthly.
- Individual consultancies with teachers in November and April; mid-term and year-end detailed written reports (motivational letters to each student) in January and June.
- Twice per year evenings for parents to discuss school plans and see and even try materials and projects that their children work on, many afternoon events and celebrations for school families, friends and neighbors, parents' observations at school any time during the school year.
- Parents are welcome to participate at the school life (e.g. help prepare and organize events, help with school garden projects, present their cultures, jobs, hobbies, travel experiences to students etc.).

PAYMENTS

- **Monthly tuition of CZK 12000 + food CZK 2000.**
- Afternoon childcare included in the tuition; afternoon interest clubs paid separately – see above.

ADMISSION

New students in grade 1 (age 6, max. 10 new students every year):

- *Autumn – January:* Parents' visits at school (observations at classrooms during regular study cycles, meeting with the director to discuss parents' expectations and whether the school responds to them with its program). **We recommend visiting more schools to better compare which resonates the best.**
- *January – March:* Children visits at school (reflecting child's response to our school, his/her feelings and readiness for the environment).
- *March:* Signing of admission documents.
- *April:* Welcoming ritual for future 1st graders and their families (friendly event to prepare the children for the transition to their new life experience, not a testing and selecting process which is done naturally and without stress in the process before).

Older students (admission possible anytime during the year if capacity available in the corresponding grade):

- *Step 1:* Parents' visit at school (observations at classrooms during regular study cycles, meeting with the director to discuss parents' expectations and whether the school responds to them with its program). **We recommend visiting more schools to better compare which resonates the best.**
- *Step 2:* Children visits at school (ideally in the form of a week stay to allow the child and parents a real experience and thus the possibility to reflect if the environment fits).
- *Step 3:* Signing of admission documents, start of attendance possible immediately after.

Admission criteria:

1. Parents and school share the same educational values and priorities, parents' expectations from the school are in accordance with the school's vision and educational concept and methods.
2. Parents understand and appreciate child-centered approaches and the Montessori method.
3. Parents have visited the school and observed classroom work and reflected it.
4. The child has visited the school and observed and participated at his/her level at classroom work and is ready to join and flourish in the environment.

Additional advantage criteria:

1. The child has previously attended a Montessori or another child-centered approach school.
2. The child has a sibling in our school or preschool.