



PARENT TESTIMONIALS

“Our daughters have been at Philly Montessori since they were toddlers, our youngest starting at just 17 months old. They’re now 3 and 5 years old and we couldn’t be happier with our decision to enroll them at PM. The teachers at PM have guided them with love and experience to become socially intelligent, creative, and capable kids who can’t wait to go to school every day. The Toddler teachers made toilet training easy and low-pressure and taught our girls foundational social and emotional skills. The primary teachers have supported our kids’ unique interests and we feel more than ready to send our now kindergartner into first grade next year.

We feel so lucky to drop our kids off at PM every morning; the teachers keep close communication with the parents so we always know what they’re up to—math, science, practical life, art, language, and culture in a beautifully curated environment—and they treat the kids with respect, kindness, and patience. We also reap the benefits of the school’s lessons at home and marvel at our kids’ abilities to focus on a task, clean up after themselves, take responsibility for their actions, and work to repair disagreements—all skills fostered by their teachers’ deliberate efforts at PM. We’re so thankful that we chose PM so many years ago, and will be heartbroken when our kids graduate from the program, but we’ll know that they had the best possible foundation thanks to their time at PM.”

- *Cait & Alex, parents to Violet (3) and Olive (5)*

“When it was time to choose a first school for our first child the task felt extremely daunting. Being two full-time working parents, we wanted to make sure we chose a school that was nurturing, bright, filled with love; allowing children to be their quirky and unique selves. We knew very little about the Montessori pedagogy and felt like child-centered/self-directed learning for three-year-olds was something that only an adult with magical thinking could conjure up...until we went to visit Philly Montessori. Upon arrival, my husband and I marveled at the way the children were engrossed in their own "work". They were focused. They were happy. They were QUIET! There was nothing about the environment that felt chaotic or frenzied. There wasn't a loud voice in the room. It was incredible to witness, and it felt right for our daughter. Philly Montessori really invested time and care in our daughter throughout her years in their care. They helped us to understand the kind of learner and processor she is, which allows us to be her greatest advocates today.

Our first child has since graduated from the Primary program and moved on to elementary school. We now have two more children in the school that are absolutely thriving. All three of our children are quite different in the way that they learn. This environment continues to impress us with the way that it supports each child and their specific gifts. We continue to feel that our decision to join this community 6-years ago was one of the best decisions that we have ever made for our family. Philly Montessori is a home away from home for our children. They feel happy and safe entering the doors every day, and we feel abundantly grateful knowing that they are being taught by the most caring, thoughtful, open-minded teachers.”

- *Lana & Brian, parents to Willow (8), Poppy (5), and Dalyah (3)*

“We...have been very happy from toddler time and potty training through to the primary class where the kids are raising butterflies and learning letters. The school’s underlying culture is respectful and thoughtful. This leads to children who care about how to help each other out and learn from each other. We are glad to be part of a school that values kindness alongside independence. It’s a great combination. Our son loves his teachers and his classmates and is so happy to return to school whenever a new term starts.”

- *Sarah & Robert, parents to Owen (4)*



“From the first info session we attended at Philly Montessori one of our immediate takeaways was how thoughtful the approach was at the school, from the curriculum to each child’s schedule to the progression of their learning. Every detail seemed to be thought through with a central focus on the whole child... Now that we have been part of the PM community for three years we cannot overemphasize how much joy and comfort we get in seeing how happy our son is at drop off every day. He shows so much confidence to both learn new skills and help younger children master works in the classroom. Recently we asked him about picking up early one day and he politely asked that we wait until the end of his afternoon work time, he didn’t want to miss anything going on in the classroom!”

- *Christina & Ryan, parents to Wyatt (4)*

“Our family's experience with Sheila and Philly Montessori was unlike anything we'd ever experienced in our previous years of educating our children. To this day, a cross-country move (and subsequently 4 new schools for our four children) and 6 years later, we can say without reservation that Philly Montessori is the most positive, empowering, and nurturing educational environment we've ever had the privilege of joining. Sheila is painstaking in her attention to every detail, from the staff she chooses to the communication she shares with families to the gorgeous yet utilitarian space she sets up for the children. She leads with the utmost integrity, strength, and tenderness. Our children's teachers were warm, smart, communicative, and passionate. If you are lucky enough to become a founding family of a school like we were, we encourage you to jump at the opportunity to join the Philly Montessori village. You will not regret it.

- *Erica & James, parents to Shep (10) and Raff (7)*

“We sent our son to Philly Montessori after attending open houses and school playdates. We love their curriculum and the life skills our son is learning in his everyday life. His independence and socialization since starting at PM are beyond anything we could have dreamed!”

- *Jules and Doug, parents to Benji (19 months)*

“Philly Montessori was our first experience with preschool for our kids, and they set the bar really high. We had a great feeling when we first met Sheila hanging the PM sign before even breaking ground for the new building and we immediately knew that was where we wanted to send our son. The PM community became an extension of our family and our kids thrived during their years there. The small classroom and attention from the teachers really made the difference. Our children transitioned to our local Public school district seamlessly thanks to the preparation from Philly Montessori.

- *Sarah and Patrick, parents to James (9) and Henry (7)*

“Philly Montessori literally changed how my children approached the world. They gained confidence and skills through the supportive environment and caring teachers. They knew how to help a young, shy child navigate the unknown and I have never felt so much trust in the leadership of a school. We created a community that was built on educating the whole child and also allowing parents to have opportunities for real connections.”

- *Olive and David, parents to Noah (11) and Leo (7)*

“Ryn is 11 years old now, and still looks back fondly on their time at Philly Montessori. They are a confident and independent kid and still benefit from the solid base of foundational skills they picked up at PM. They still have a deep and meaningful relationship with teacher Terri. We are glad that Ryn began their learning journey here.”

- *Karyn and David, parents to Ryn (11)*