

LANGUAGE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grade

- K Begins to read and write the manuscript alphabet.
- 1st Reads more and more fluently. Begins a sentence with a capital and ends it with a period.
- 2nd Continues improvement in reading and writing. Spelling from State textbooks.
- 3rd Begins to read and write the cursive alphabet. Writes paragraphs. Reads and writes poetry. Uses commas in series, dates and proper places for business and personal letters.
- In the last three grades narrations, descriptions, poetry and research is read and written.
- 4th Begins to consolidate nouns, verbs and adjectives; business and friendly letter form; the difference between indicative, interrogative and imperative sentences.
- 5th Consolidates complete sentences, prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms and uses transition words.
- 6th Consolidates the remaining parts of speech, compounded and simple subjects and predicates.

MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

Ages (not grades)

- 4-6 Begins to read and write the cursive alphabet.
- 6 Reads more and more fluently. Begins to read and write the manuscript alphabet.
- 7 Reads and writes every day in class. Begins prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, homonyms, antonyms and parts of speech. Spelling starts with phonetic words, then misspelled words taken from own writing.
- 8 Starts to take dictation for which the proper punctuation and spelling must be supplied by the child with the teacher's help. Writes in complete sentences. Does research.
- 9 Continues to read and write every day in class at a much more advanced level, selecting different types of reading and writing: poetry, narratives, letters, research, description.
- 9-10 Consolidates the use of the public library so that what is needed can be found in the card catalog, then retrieved from the shelves.
- 10-11 Continues to develop language skills through the means mentioned above, through researching and writing in geography, history and biology, and through using Montessori developmental materials and the total classroom environment, which includes dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases and the public library.