

## New Discoveries Montessori Academy

*A Public Elementary Charter School fostering self-motivation, self-discipline, compassion, independence, critical thinking, social and personal responsibility, and respect for others and the environment. It is our vision that children gain a strong sense of self and realize a life-long satisfaction and joy in learning, working, and exploring life. We believe this will enable our children to share and contribute their unique talents in the world.*



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### **It is Our Mission – Education for Life.**

To provide children with a quality education that prepares them intellectually, physically, socially, creatively, and emotionally for our changing world and all its joys and challenges.

*An education for life.*



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*Discover Something New...*



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A public elementary charter school in Hutchinson

# New Discoveries Montessori Academy FACTS

- Multi-age classrooms
- Authentic Montessori Curriculum
- Tuition-free for grades K-6
- Tuition-based preschool program for children ages 3 through 5



- American Montessori Society Affiliation
- 1:5 Staff to Student Ratio
- Music and Physical Education Specialists
- After school programs



- Beautiful Facility
- Hands on learning
- Sledding at recess
- Healthy snacks
- Full array of specialized services
- FREE Breakfast Program



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## Montessori Method of Education:

Montessori is a teaching methodology based on the natural learning processes of children. Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician, developed the method more than 100 years ago. Dr. Montessori used the term 'the absorbent mind' to describe how a young child learns in a comfortable and stimulating environment. Within such an environment, a child becomes absorbed in work, developing concentration, independence and self-discipline. (Lillard, Paula P. *Montessori Today*.) Dr. Montessori believed that children learn best through their senses. By working with concrete materials, the child begins to understand abstract concepts. With guidance by a trained Montessori teacher, the child gradually masters the different materials and concepts. As the child masters each task, it reinforces learning as a positive experience. Success develops the child's self-confidence and self-esteem.

The approach has proven successful over the past 100 years to be effective in any culture and for all socioeconomic groups. As a result, the number of Montessori schools has expanded rapidly throughout the world in both public and private education. It is estimated that prior to 1985 approximately 750 private Montessori schools existed. No public schools had the Montessori program at that time. Since then, the number of private schools has expanded to 2,500 and 1,250 in public school systems throughout the U.S.