

“Early Nido” @ Ardee”

The Ardee School, Delhi is pleased to offer the **First Parent-Infant Montessori Programme** for one year old infants in its “**Early Nido Environment**”.

The focus of this unique programme is to aid parents as they experience the first year of their child’s life, using Montessori method and material.

The goals of our one-year-old programme are to foster the development of trust and to assist in the natural development of the young child’s personality. We know that trust develops in an environment where adults respond attentively to the needs of one year old child i.e. love and acceptance. In addition to love and acceptance, young children also thrive in an environment that promotes their strong, natural need and desire to learn.

The Ardee environment:

In a carefully designated open green space in Lutyens Delhi, the development room is specially designed as a homeroom with low shelves in the room, with easy accessibility to stimulating material to aid an infant in self-development. The Early Nido Environment has large floor windows to catch a glimpse of the flying bird or the squirrel scurrying around. In addition to Montessori floor bed in keeping with the Montessori tradition of avoidance of using objects that limit the child's independence and natural movement, we have also transformed the whole room into a "crib" (by completely making it child friendly and safe for the child). Trained and gentle infant centric directresses have made, visual colorful mobiles to attract the movement of the eye. Pure cotton mats

on the floor, framed pictures of renowned artists hung low on the walls and soft classical music will be part of the “art appreciation module” for our infant ardeeian’s absorbent mind.

The movement area includes stairs , platform, pushcart, wall bars and Montessori material for eye-hand coordination such as discovery baskets; sensory bottles, cubes on pegs, spheres on horizontal pegs, sensory boards, treasure baskets, heuristic play and various Practical Life Exercises. A predictable sequence of activities and set routine will help the infants to feel at home.

The language area includes miniature objects, language nomenclature cards (parts of the body, family members, pets, components of the neighborhood, the school, and the home), books (fiction, poetry, nonfiction), spoken vocabulary enrichment exercises, and other activities including art and music experiences.

The Programme Offers

For the Child

Our programme will provide your child with a beautiful environment and stimulating Montessori material to aid him or her in self-development. As human beings develop intelligence by learning through the five senses and particularly through the relationship between the hand and the brain. These specifically designed learning material will aid your child during the rapid period of absorption and brain growth that occurs during the first three years of life.

Infants learn by touching and moving freely as they interact with their surroundings. The freedom to move and explore is essential to any child’s development whether they are enthusiastically exploring an interesting toy, quietly browsing

through the contents of a book or calmly enjoying a song. Infants grow and learn emotionally and intellectually through independence and movement.

For the Parent

The goal is to help parents understand what your child is going through. We work in collaboration by providing you with the knowledge and tools to understand your child's specific developmental patterns and abilities. This will allow you to best respond to your child's needs and provide him/her the optimal environment at home as well.

The Ardee advantage

Ardee has established itself as an expert in early education and has trained faculty for different age groups from 0 -6 years.

At Ardee Montessori Early Nido environment we provide individualized learning activities that are appropriate for even the early stages of a child's development. Our materials are carefully designed to appeal to the child's developmental needs. Children flourish in a prepared, familiar environment that respects, supports and responds to their basic needs for independence, exploration and movement.

We know that through the quality of holding, feeding and communication, children acquire a strong and positive sense of self worth. While children are encouraged to be active and inquisitive learners, sensitive adults are always near to direct their exploration, to assist or to gently provide comfort.

One year olds bring special joy and need special care as they go about their very important and unique work of physical, emotional and cognitive development. Our aim is to provide an atmosphere that communicates unconditional love and acceptance.

Flow of The day

Three mornings every week , parent and infant will come together for one and a half hour to experience an environment designed by a Montessori facilitator to encourage development of movement, acquisition of language, and refinement of visual, auditory and tactile perception.

Free Activity Time

All children have free activity time for the first hour of the class. During this time, the facilitator will move around in the classroom, introducing Montessori material to every child individually, depending on his/her age and ability. You will be encouraged to direct your child to the activities he/she has been shown. When your child is engaged in an activity, slowly become passive and observe. We want to encourage repetition and concentration because the child needs them for his/her development. When your child becomes disinterested or has finished working with a material, it is returned to the shelf or put in the washing bin. During this time the facilitator will also do some small group lessons with the children and provide parents with information regarding child development and the Montessori method.

Snack Time

After the first hour, the children will sit for snack for approximately 15-20 minutes. The chowkis will be put together and we will set up a placemat, plate, glass and spoon for every child. You will sit in front of your child and aid him/her with eating. The children will be served an organic, nutritious snack,

which will include banana, vegetable soup, custard, crackers, etc. provided by the school kitchen. Parents will also be part of the “Menu Making Panel”.

Circle Time

Ten minutes of class is spent as a group singing and playing instruments.

Outdoor Play

Playing outside gives your child the chance to explore the natural environment and have adventures. Infants will also go outdoors for special Montessori movement exercises and games.

Professional guidance

Periodically there will be specialists in child development, child psychology and medical practitioners who will conduct “special talk session with moms”. This will act as a guide to moms , who we are sure will welcome receiving professional direction in their parenting style.

Enrolling your Infant

All new families are invited to visit the Early Nido Community. Please call the school to book your first visit. This will allow the Class Directresses to prepare for your visit and provide you with an introduction to the environment.

Please visit our website www.theardeeschool.com for information regarding the Early Nido Programme. You may also speak to our enrollment staff regarding Montessori education and admission requirements by calling at the school land line

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