



# Park Cities Montessori Children's House

Open House

# Agenda

## Topics Covered

The Critical Preschool Years

The Montessori Preschool Classroom

The Classroom Environment

The Montessori Materials

Montessori Parenting

Classroom Visits



# The Critical Preschool Years

- absorbent mind
- exploration and discovery
- work independently
- intrinsic motivation
- building concentration
- self-discipline





# A Child-Centered Community



## Mixed Ages

2.5 - 6 year olds all share the same classroom.



## Responsibility

Children learn they are to take responsibility for themselves and each other



## Respect

Taking care of the environment collaboratively promotes kindness and respect



# 3 Year Cycle



Age 3-4



Age 4-5



Age 5-6



# The Daily Schedule

Children should arrive by 8:30 AM to ensure they are able to get their full 3 hour work cycle accomplished each day. Children that are 4 or older are offered a PM work cycle as well after a 30 minute rest.



Arrival  
7:30 – 8:30



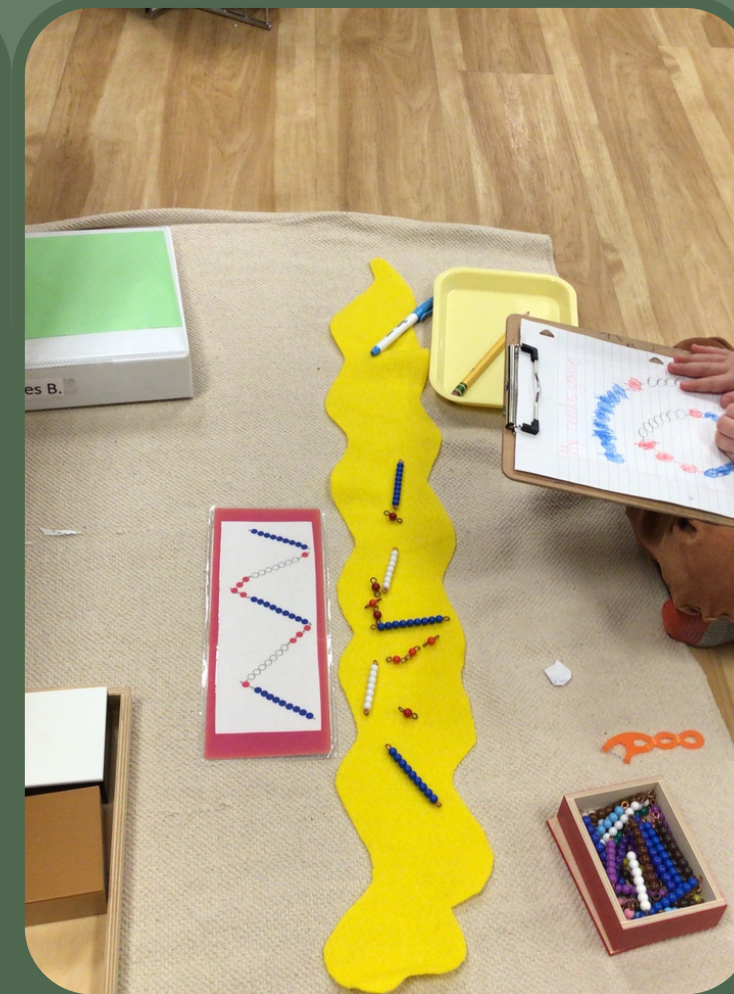
Work Cycle  
8:30 – 11:30



Outdoors  
11:30 – 12:30



Lunch  
12:30 – 1:00



Rest or PM Work  
1:00 – 3:00



# The Classroom Environment

## The Children's House



### Individual Work

Much of the child's work at this stage of development is done individually



### Working with a Friend

Often children enjoy working together with a friend



### Group Activity

Sometimes the entire class is involved in a group activity such as story telling, singing, or movement.



# The Classroom Environment

Calm, ordered, and beautiful, the classroom materials and activities are organized in distinct, yet integrated areas:



Practical Life



Sensorial



Mathematics



Language

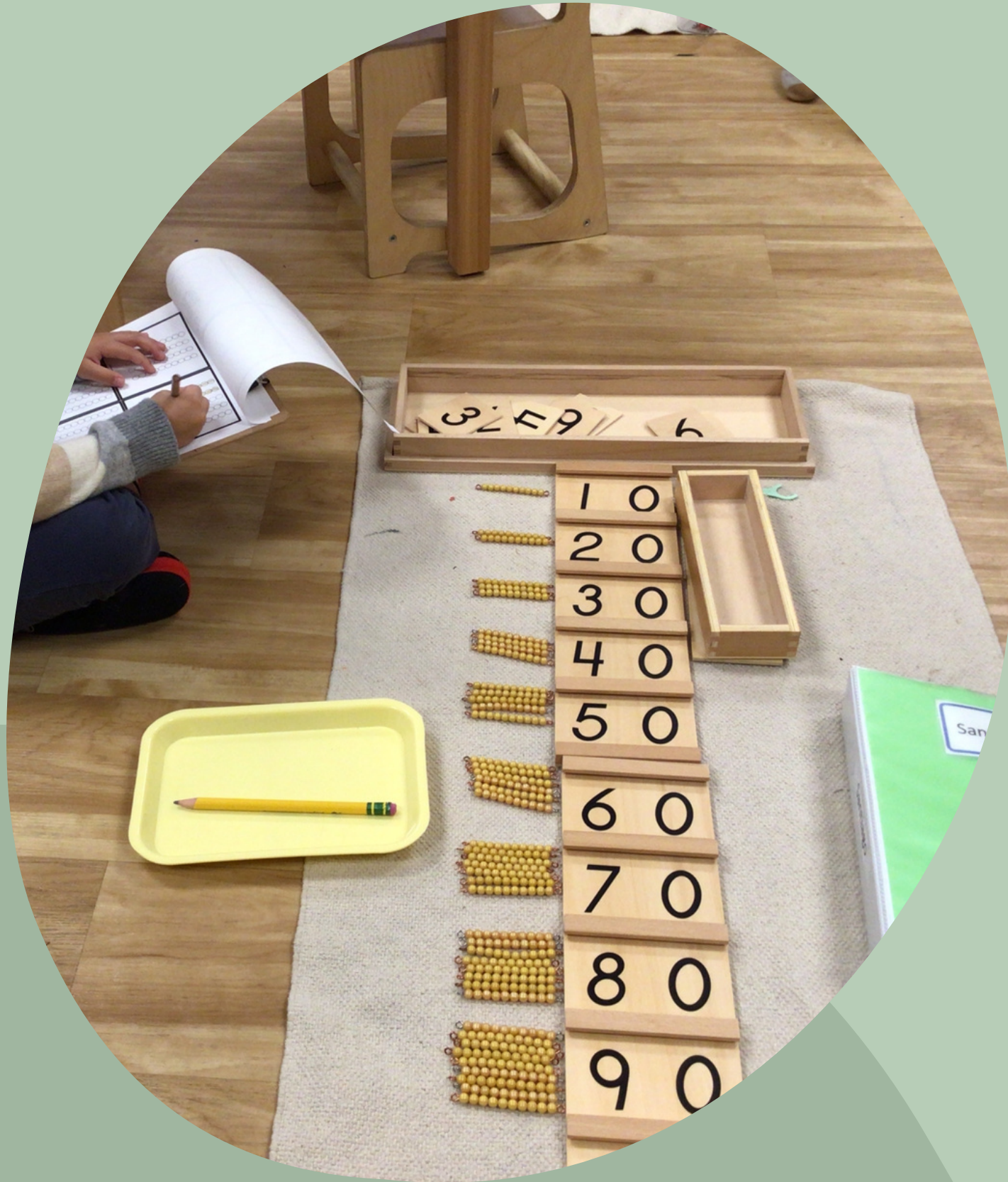


Cultural  
(Science/  
Geography)



# The Montessori Materials

- attractively arranged and inviting
- particular focus and isolates concepts
- self-correcting
- interrelated
- individual lessons and choices





# The Parent Educator



The parent is the child's first influential teacher.