

# 8 UNIQUE FEATURES OF MONTESSORI



### MIXED-AGE CLASSROOMS

Facilitates peer learning: younger children are eager to learn from older kids, and older kids reinforce their own understanding through teaching. Also fosters empathy, cooperation, patience and leadership.



#### UNINTERRUPTED BLOCKS OF WORK TIME

Learning is NOT unpleasant for children, to show respect and give value to their learning, Montessori schools call it work.



## PURPOSEFULLY DESIGNED LEARNING MATERIALS

House on the Hill is the first preschool in Asia to exclusively use materials from Neinhuis, the original collaborator with Dr. Maria Montessori. Purposefully designed, natural and beautiful, they help children to learn abstract concepts through hands-on experiences.



#### A PREPARED CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

Maximises independence and learning. Furniture is fit for children's size, and materials are organised for their use. The calm, orderly environment lets them learn, move, explore and socialise without distraction.



#### FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE

Children have the freedom of choice, movement, time and freedom to make their own mistakes. They can move about and select materials that appeal to them (with guidance from teachers), creating positive associations with learning.



#### SPECIALLY TRAINED TEACHERS

At House on the Hill teachers hold a variety of qualifications in Montessori teaching and early childhood education, in addition to in-house training and close mentorship from senior, certified Montessori teachers and leaders.



# A FOCUS ON GROWTH, NOT GRADE-BASED EVALUATION

Each child benefits from an individualised learning path. By working one-on-one with each student, teachers track their progress closely and introduce new concepts when they are ready. By working at their own pace, children develop confidence in their abilities.



# A CURRICULUM COVERING PRACTICAL LIFE, SENSORIAL, MATHEMATICS, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

These five areas provide a well-rounded education. House on the Hill focuses on strong mathematical and language skills, building critical thinking skills and fostering a lifelong love of learning.



