

# Early Years Programme



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# Our Early Years philosophy

*"The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him."*

- Pablo Casals

At NPSI's Early Years Programme (Kindergarten and Montessori), little ones reach their full potential in a creative, interactive, child-centred and nurturing learning environment. We foster cognitive, socio-emotional and physical development. Our EY programme is conducive for children and teachers to come together to lay the foundation for life-long learning. Through experiential learning and using concrete materials, students develop an understanding of the world around them and their place in it.



# Who are we?

NPS International School (NPSI) is part of the National Public School (NPS) flagship education brand that is headquartered in Bangalore, India and has ten prestigious schools under its banner. We commenced our Singapore operations in 2008 and along with our secondary school are housed in a sprawling six-acre campus at Chai Chee Lane, near Bedok.

## Our Vision

To be a value-driven school that develops inquiring, knowledgeable caring young people, who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet and help create a better world.

## What we provide in our Early Years Programme

- A conducive, child-centric educational environment that creates a passion for knowledge, through play and inquiry-based methodologies.
- A partnership with parents to deliver a holistic learning approach for their children.
- Develop little ones into self-confident and socially aware children who will respect and appreciate diverse cultures and individuals
- Continuously motivate children as young as three years of age, to push the boundaries of learning and to “Reach Out, Reach High and Reach Beyond.”



# Why NPSI?

**We offer both Montessori and Kindergarten Programmes.**

Since each child is different in the way they learn, we offer two programmes: the Traditional Montessori and the Kindergarten Programme, so that parents can choose the best environment for their child. Both programmes guide the child to master literacy and numeracy skills through a wide range of engaging and enjoyable activities.

**We are one of the few international schools to have two qualified teachers per class.** In each class, we have two qualified, trained core educators who create a rich learning environment that is safe, caring, accepting, challenging and stimulating for your little ones. With a class size of average 25, our teacher-to-student ratio is very low.

**We provide an environment that develops confidence, achievement and values.** We mould your tiny tots into positive and task-focused children, by having value education and character development at the core of our teaching practices and school initiatives. Our educators support and challenge young minds in a caring and comforting style.



# Why NPSI?

## **No child is left behind**

Self-confidence is built among the children by ensuring 100% participation in activities ranging from Show & Tell, Class assembly, Student-Led conference to key events such as Sports Day and Annual Day.

## **A Flexible Program: Half-day or Full-day**

Your young ones can spend a full day in school (9 am - 3:30 pm) and engage in a plethora of engaging activities to further hone their creativity as well as their reading and writing skills. This programme is offered to Kindergarten 1 & 2 and Montessori Year 2 & 3 students.



# Traditional (Classic) Montessori Program: Individual Optimized Education

*"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."*

- Maria Montessori

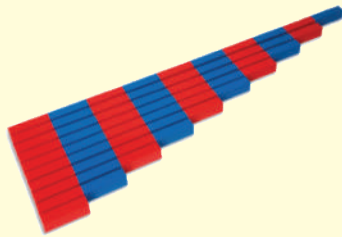
Our Traditional Montessori is a three-year comprehensive program with multi age-group children in the same environment. The prepared environment helps a child to construct, create and evolve areas of interest at his/her own pace through sensory education. The Montessori materials help the child experience the joy of self-motivated learning through exploration, self-direction and problem-solving.



# Traditional (Classic) Montessori Program: Individual Optimized Education

The Montessori curriculum helps the child to develop skills under the various areas mentioned below:

**Mathematics**  
Understand various mathematical concepts using concrete materials and mental calculations



**Exercises of Practical Life**  
Enhance coordination, concentration and develop self-control



**Language**  
Develop reading, writing and comprehension skills



**Cultural**  
Promote respect and care for the world we live in and the people around us



**Sensorial**  
Explore colours, textures, patterns and shapes to gain conceptual clarity



# Traditional (Classic) Montessori Program: Individual Optimized Education

Montessori Year -1 (3- 4 years old):

- Introduce elementary movements and how to take care of oneself through Exercises of Practical Life activities
- Recognise physical properties of matter through sensorial activities
- Vocabulary enrichment and associate letter sounds to symbols using sandpaper letters
- Understand quantities 1-10 with their numerals using Montessori materials
- Have a group discussion on who we are, identify places and people around us

Montessori Year -2 (4 - 5 years old):

- Develop concentration, eye - hand coordination and taking care of oneself and the environment
- Internalise abstract concepts and attain conceptual clarity through sensorial activities
- Introduction to reading through simple sight words, analysing sounds in the given phonetic words and making words independently using movable alphabet
- Understand the decimal system, and associate large quantities to their symbols
- Get a glimpse on how we organize ourselves and share the planet



# Traditional (Classic) Montessori Program: Individual Optimized Education

Montessori Year -3 (5- 6 years old)

- Gain precision of complex movements through Exercises of Practical Life activities
- Sharpen observational skills and the ability to draw inferences through sensorial activities
- Recognise letter combinations
- Enhance reading, comprehension, and creative writing skills
- Introduction to basic operations such as addition, multiplication, and subtraction with four hierarchies
- Understand how the world works and our responsibility towards the planet



# Kindergarten Programme:

## Kindling Curiosity and Inquiry

A curious child is an active learner. Students are equipped to ask questions: What, Who, Why, How, Where and When and pursue answers, make connections and construct better understanding of the world they live in. The various small and large group activities are designed to promote collaboration and communication.

Our richly equipped classroom environment encourages children to investigate an idea in a multitude of settings and to connect their different learning experiences.

Our flexible teaching and learning methods accommodate children's individual learning needs and preferences to achieve maximum growth.

Our integral classroom learning centers enable students to choose and work independently on activities arranged with specific learning objectives.



# Kindergarten Programme:

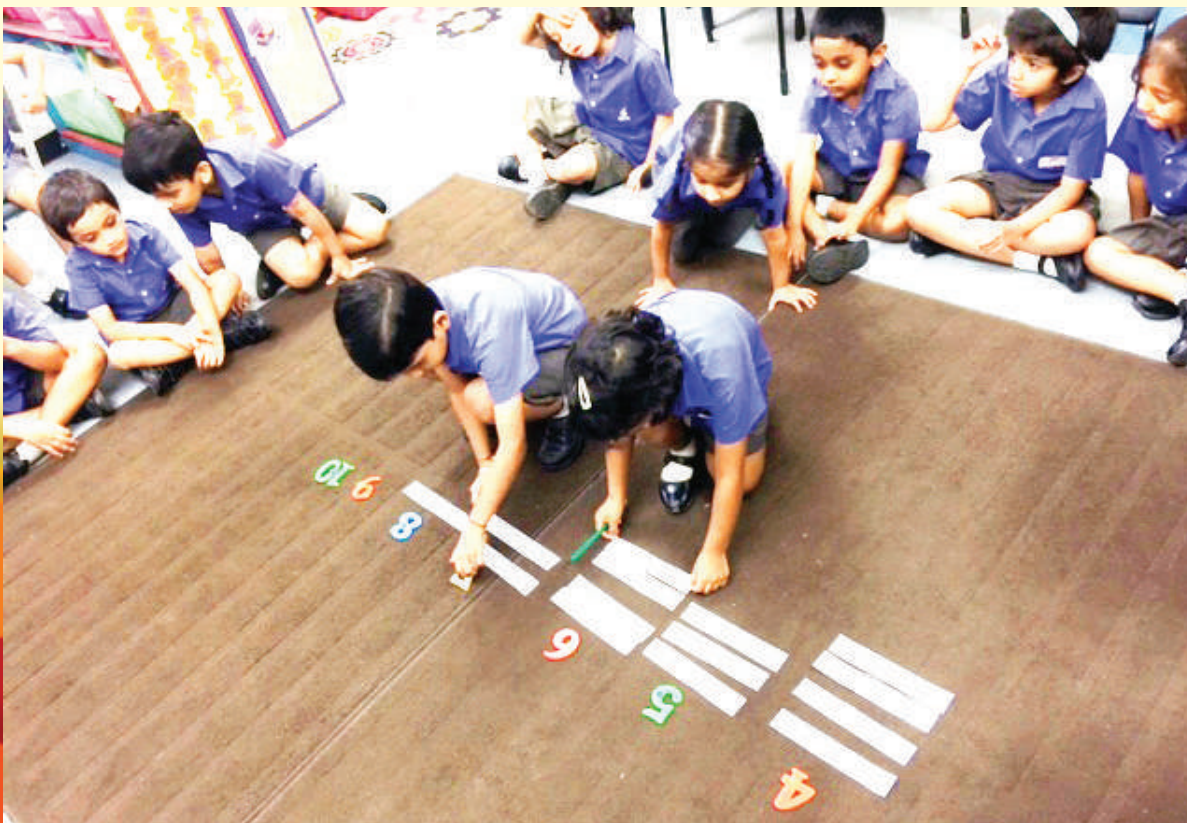
## Kindling Curiosity and Inquiry

Pre-Kindergarten (3- 4 years old):

- Introduce letter sounds of the alphabet through songs, sandpaper letters and related activities.
- Recognize and quantify numerals 1-10 using concrete objects.
- Understand who we are, identify places and people around us.

Kindergarten 1 (4 - 5 years old)

- Blend, decode, read and write three letter words .
- Recognize and quantify numerals 1-30, identify patterns in the environment and measure length using nonstandard units.
- Understand how we organize ourselves and share the planet.



# Kindergarten Programme:

## Kindling Curiosity and Inquiry

Kindergarten 2 (5- 6 years old)

- Introduce vowel and consonant combinations. Use phonetic knowledge to read and write creatively.
- Recognize and quantify numerals 1-100, data handling, number stories for addition and subtraction.
- Understand how the world works and our responsibility towards the planet.



# What Enrichment Programmes will your child be exposed to?

We strive to expose your children to more than just academics. Through our enrichment classes, we tap into each child's varied interests, and thereby ensure their overall development. Our enrichment classes include:

- **Reading Programme (Oxford Reading Tree, Fitzroy Readers)**

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."-Dr. Seuss

Our young readers use multiple reading strategies to accelerate their reading skills. The Fitzroy and ORT Series books are used to help them compete with themselves, and achieve higher levels of reading. The programme also promotes active parent participation in reading with their child.

- **Music and Movement**

Children will develop an appreciation for music and the sounds of different types of instruments. They will recognise fast and slow beats and popular music, and learn body coordination and basic dance steps.



# What Enrichment Programmes will your child be exposed to?

- **Art:** Through drawing, painting and printmaking activities children will appreciate traditional and contemporary visual arts. They will develop a basic understanding of collage work by using everyday, natural materials.
- **Drama:** Pretend or dramatic play helps young ones to experiment with the social and emotional roles of life. Through this medium, we help children nurture skills such as problem-solving, negotiation, organization and planning, as they apply newly gained knowledge and recount familiar stories.
- **Physical Education programme:** This is designed to help children develop gross and fine motor skills along with their awareness of safety. Our outdoor playground equipment and open fields encourage children to enjoy supervised free-play and to develop their teamwork skills.



# A comfortable and well-equipped learning environment awaits your children

The Early Years environment consists of about ten fully equipped and air-conditioned classrooms with low-height furniture, colourful ambience and carpets for Kindergarten and Montessori activities. Brightly lit and with full-length windows, these rooms are supplemented by activity rooms and outdoor facilities, all located on the ground floor of the school.

**Outdoor playground:** The Early Years playground offers a variety of play equipment and activities that will create a world of joyful giggles for your little ones. We believe in learning through play.

**Art Room:** In this room, kids indulge in a variety of arts and crafts, as an outlet to be creative and have fun. Their smiles after their completion of work are priceless. We display student artwork in classrooms and public spaces in school.

**Drama Room:** Students engage in various forms of pretend play in our drama room, where they assign and accept roles and act them out.





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**Auditorium:** Our air-conditioned Primary auditorium is used extensively for student performances, assemblies and parent meetings.

**Health clinic:** Emergency medical care is available during school hours. If your little one is hurt or feels unwell, s/he will be accompanied by a teacher to the clinic, and attended to by the nurse. If the child needs to be collected, we will immediately notify the parent.

**Dining Hall:** There is a large, colourful, brightly lit dining hall for the young ones to sit and have their home-packed snack and lunch. Teachers encourage each and every child to eat well at school.

**Transportation:** We have bus services to and from the school to all parts of Singapore.



# How do we partner with parents?

A positive parent teacher collaboration is the cornerstone of your child's success at school. Parents are a big support with their gift of time, be it in helping with class activities, field trips, the reading program or major events such as Annual Day. We have hundreds of active parent volunteers!

Teachers regularly communicate through a school diary to keep the parents informed of activities and the development of their child. Thrice a year, parent-teacher conferences are held where reports are shared, along with portfolios of each child's activities.

The password-protected parent portal contains a repository of all school communications so that you never lose track of what is happening at school.



# Admission

At the point of entry in school a child must be at least three years old.

Traditional Montessori – We offer this program to children who are within the age band of three to five years. Children across this age band learn together in the same nurturing, open environment

Kindergarten Program –There are three separate entry points:

Pre-KG: Age 3

Kindergarten One: Age 4

Kindergarten Two –Age 5

All families seeking admission to the school will have a personal interaction with the Head of School as part of the admissions process.

School Timings:

Either (Half-day)

Mondays to Friday: 9 am – 1 pm

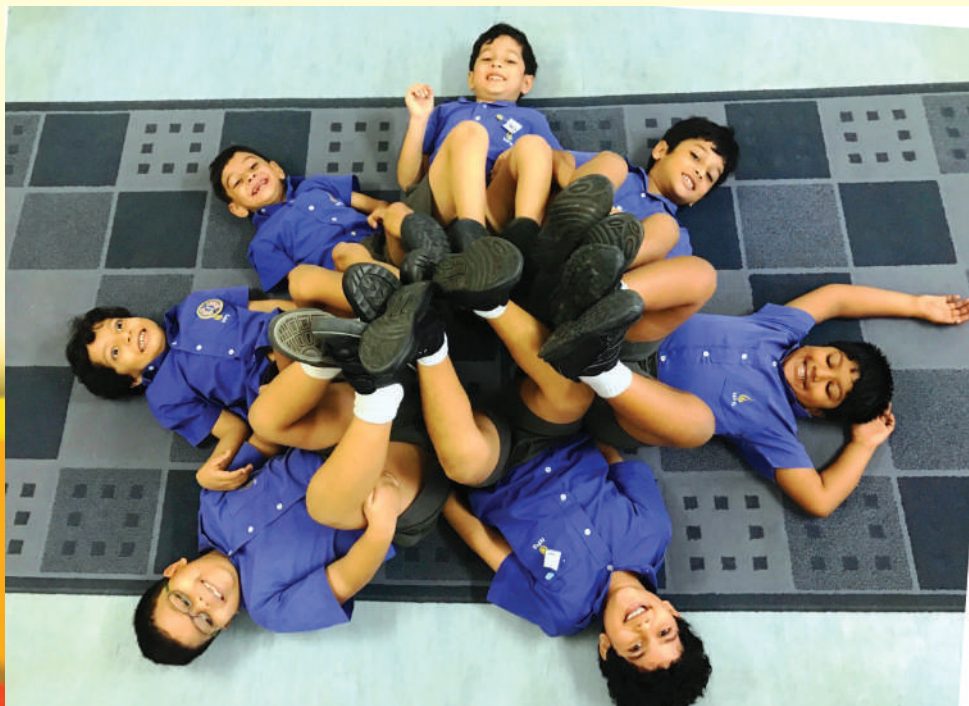
Or (Extended Day): 9 am – 3:30 pm

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