

Montessori+ Pre-Elementary



SMS's Signature Kindergarten Experience (Ages 5–6)

A unique kindergarten experience at SMS

Morning

Advanced Montessori academics

A full work cycle in the Primary classroom.

Afternoon

Montessori+ experiential learning

Hands-on investigation plus Design & Engineering.

After school (optional)

Amazing Adventures

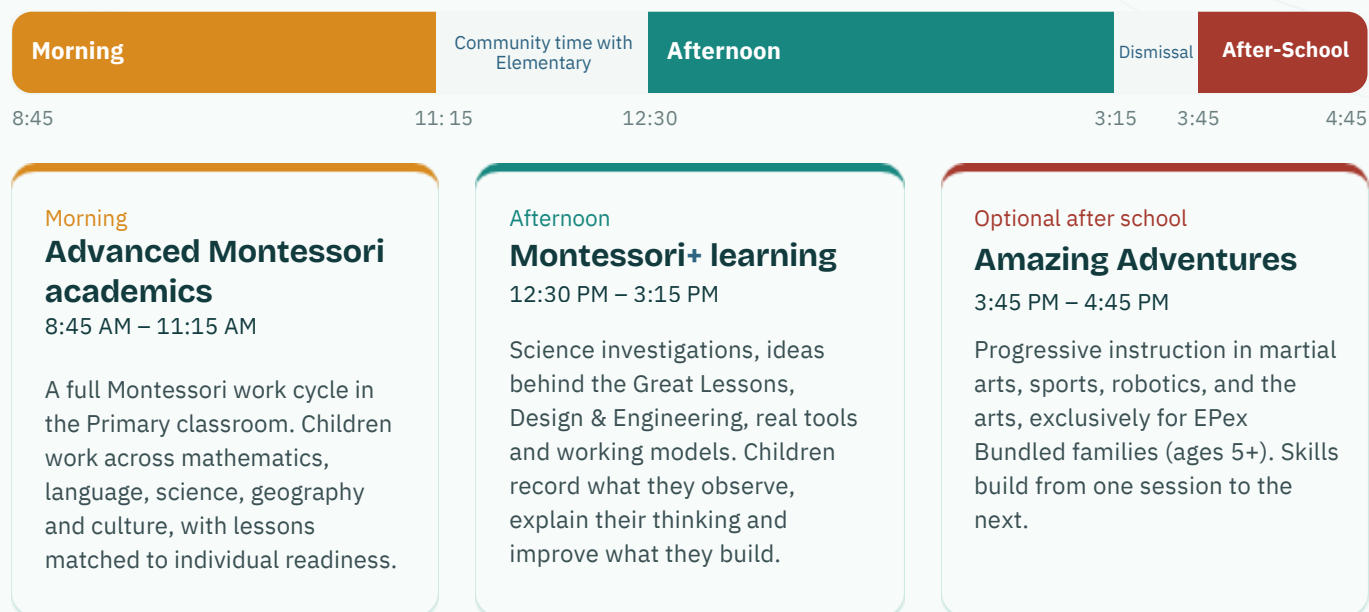
Martial arts, sports, robotics, and the arts.

Building the academic strength, independence and problem-solving skills children need for their Elementary journey.

Ages 5–6 Years

A day in the life of an SMS Kindergartner

One connected kindergarten experience. The day moves with purpose from concentrated academic work to investigation and creation, and families may extend it through the optional Amazing Adventures program.



The SMS EPex Framework

Everything a kindergartner does at SMS connects to six areas of growth, from comprehensive academics to social-emotional wellbeing, and one repeatable way of working:

- 1 Imagine
- 2 Design
- 3 Build
- 4 Test
- 5 Improve



Advanced academics in the Montessori Primary classroom

Kindergartners remain in their multi-age Primary classroom for the full morning work cycle. This preserves the three-year Montessori arc as children move from concrete materials toward increasingly abstract mathematics, reading and writing.

Work is advanced because children understand what they are doing, not because they rush past the foundation.

Depth before speed.

Understanding before memorization.

Strong foundations before advanced work.

■ Mathematical foundations

- Linear counting, bead chains and the hundred board
- Decimal system with Golden Beads and the Stamp Game
- Four-digit operations, including dynamic work
- Essential combinations and passage to abstraction
- Mental math, equations, word problems, fractions, measurements and geometry

■ Language and literacy

- Word building and phonetic reading
- Phonograms, compound words, spelling patterns, and word study
- Dictation, comprehension and original story writing
- Grammar, parts of speech and sentence analysis
- Journals, dictionary work, oral communication and presentations

■ Geography, history and culture

- Maps, continents, flags, land and water forms
- Understanding time, family, community and cosmic learning
- Solar system, world cultures, weather, volcanoes and layers of the Earth
- Forms of art and music, building empathy and respect

Experiential learning makes big ideas tangible

Questions become experiences. Children move into the Montessori+ Pre-Elementary Studio each afternoon, where they investigate with real materials, record observations, and build models. The kindergarten year introduces the ideas behind the Great Lessons through developmentally appropriate experiments and stories, building familiarity with the vocabulary and concepts that form the basis of the Elementary curriculum.

The concepts behind the Five Great Lessons, distilled for Kindergarten

1

The Birth of the Universe and Earth

Balloon galaxies, states of matter, density, gravity, and convection currents.

2

The Coming of Life

Seeds, hatching, microscopes, plant and animal adaptations, habitats and interdependence.

3

The Coming of Human Beings

Real tools, simple machines, kitchen chemistry, collaborative construction, and the Spring Makers Market.

4

The Story of Language

Pictographs, symbols, storytelling, journals, and Friday theater explore how humans preserve ideas.

5

The Story of Numbers

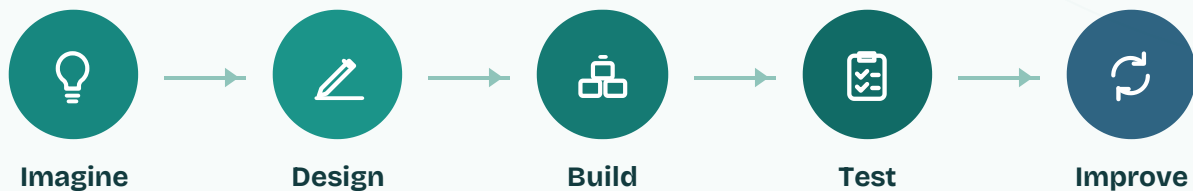
Trading, claytallies, early number systems, measurement, zero, and place value with Montessori materials.

Why it matters in the Elementary years

Children enter the Elementary classroom with meaningful hands-on experiences that give them a strong foundation for the Great Lessons. Through Montessori+, they have already explored movement, design, problem-solving, technology, teamwork, and creative thinking. These become concrete reference points that connect new abstract ideas to things they have already seen, built, tested, or experienced.

Children turn questions into working models

A process children can use again. They begin with structured challenges and gradually make more of their own choices. The tools will change over time, but the habits stay useful: define the problem, explain an idea, build carefully, test what happens, and revise.



■ Structures and mechanisms

Bridges, shelters, vehicles, and simple machines help children explore strength, balance, motion, leverage, and cause and effect. A model makes science and mathematics visible.

■ Circuits and introductory robotics

Children explore sequencing, switches, lights, conductive materials, sensors, and movement. They learn how precise instructions and careful connections make a physical creation respond.

■ Design and fabrication

Children sketch ideas, build in three dimensions, measure materials, and use real tools with guidance. Selected projects may include guided 3D design and printing when fabrication serves the project.

The habits behind the build

- ✓ Observe closely and define the problem
- ✓ Choose materials for a purpose
- ✓ Explain choices before and during the build
- ✓ Test what works and identify what does not
- ✓ Revise rather than abandon the idea

Amazing Adventures after school

Exclusively for EPex Bundled families (ages 5+), from Montessori+ Pre-Elementary through Grade 5. Children discover new interests, learn by doing, and grow as capable, confident, and collaborative learners.



Martial Arts

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Builds focus, coordination, discipline, confidence, and physical fitness through structured martial arts practice.



Sports

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Develops movement skills, teamwork, agility, and sportsmanship through a variety of sports, including soccer and badminton.



Robotics

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Hands-on building, problem-solving, design, testing, and creative STEM challenges using LEGO, leading toward robotics competitions.



The Arts

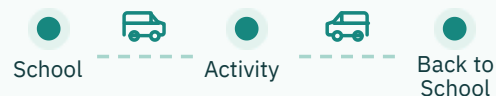
The Arts

Builds creativity, expression and confidence through art, theater, dance, drama, and ballet.

Two enrollment periods: September (turning 5 by August 31) and January (turning 5 by December 31). Skills build continuously year after year, from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

We do all the transportation.

SMS picks children up from school, takes them to the studio, field or park, and brings them back.



Zero hassles for parents.

A well-rounded experience for your children.

Lock in tuition through Grade 5

Tuition freeze With the Elementary Pathway Experience (EPex), your monthly tuition is set when your child enrolls in Montessori+ Pre-Elementary and stays locked through Grade 5, with no annual increases.

EPex monthly tuition	Full Day 8:45 – 3:15	Extended Day 8:45 – 4:30	Bundled Full Day* 8:45 – 5:30
Montessori+ Pre-Elementary [†] Kindergarten, ages 5–6	\$2,300	\$2,700	\$3,200
Elementary, Grades 1 & 2	\$2,300	\$2,700	\$3,200
Elementary, Grade 3	\$1,800	\$2,200	\$2,700
Elementary, Grades 4 & 5	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$2,400

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EPex membership fee One-time, non-refundable, per child, paid at Kindergarten enrollment. Not applied toward tuition.

Fees & discounts

\$300

Registration fee

Waived if you enroll within 24 hours of your tour

3%

New family

Full Day, Extended or Bundled enrollment

5%

Sibling or SMS alumni

Monthly discount; not combined with New family

5%

Pay the year upfront

Combines with other discounts

How it adds up

A child starts Montessori+ Pre-Elementary in September 2027 and stays Full Day through Grade 5.

\$40,000

Total saved with EPex

Standard shown at the Primary Full Day rate (\$2,400/month in 2027–28), rising about \$100/month (roughly 4–5%) each year. EPex stays locked. Actual Standard increases may vary.

School year	Grade	Standard	EPex	You save
2027–28	K	\$24,000	\$23,000	\$1,000
2028–29	1	\$25,000	\$23,000	\$2,000
2029–30	2	\$26,000	\$23,000	\$3,000
2030–31	3	\$27,000	\$18,000	\$9,000
2031–32	4	\$28,000	\$15,000	\$13,000
2032–33	5	\$29,000	\$15,000	\$14,000
Membership fee		—	\$2,000	–\$2,000
Six-year total		\$159,000	\$119,000	\$40,000

- All rates are monthly, 10-month school year. **Early Birds Care** (8:00 – 8:45 AM): +\$400/month, added to any program.
- All deposits and fees are due upon enrollment. School year tuition payments start June 30, 2027.
- Additions to program or before/after-school care are subject to space and start the following month. Reductions are not permitted after June 30, 2027, and withdrawals after that date forfeit all deposits, fees and any monthly payments paid as of the notification date.

Terms

[†] **Montessori+ Pre-Elementary begins** in September for children who turn 5 by August 31. Children who turn 5 between September 1 and December 31 start the year in Montessori Primary and may enroll in Montessori+ in January.

* Bundled includes after-school and Non-School Days (NSD) Daycare. Amazing Adventures is exclusive to EPex Bundled families (ages 5+), with September and January intake periods. Extended Day includes after-school daycare until 4:30 PM, but not NSD Daycare.

Getting our children ready for the Elementary journey

One connected experience. A strong beginning.



Capable

Independent in work and confident with challenging academics.

Compassionate

Empathetic, collaborative and ready to contribute to a community.

Curious

Eager to investigate, create working models and improve ideas .

Advanced Montessori academics in the morning. Montessori+ experiential learning and Design & Engineering in the afternoon.
Optional progressive enrichment after school.