

# Perth Individual

A progressive Montessori College

## PRE3 MONTES PLAYGROUP



**If you are interested in joining the  
Pre3 Montes Playgroup please visit**

**[www.pi.wa.edu.au/pre3montes-playgroup](http://www.pi.wa.edu.au/pre3montes-playgroup)**

The Pre3 Montes Playgroup environment provides a range of graduated activities that suit the key development stages of children aged 0-3 years. Children can pursue tasks at their own pace independently or with just a little help from Mum and Dad.

Our sound understanding of infant development enables us to create a place that meets the children's needs. Pre3 Montes is a parent-infant community facilitated by a Montessori Playgroup leader.

Here young children can engage in activities that assist their psychomotor skills, language acquisition, growing independence and understanding of the world.



“To assist a child we must provide them with an environment which will enable them to develop freely.”

Maria Montessori

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A Montessori playgroup is founded upon the core Montessori philosophy:

*“Help me to do it myself”.*

## **Practical Life**

Children are naturally drawn to everyday adult activities. By practising or preparing for these jobs children build independence, self esteem and respect for their surroundings.

Some typical jobs for children include pouring, using tongs, spooning, opening and closing items, cutting food, building structures, buttoning, washing dishes, using a glass and sweeping.

## **Psychomotor Activities**

Strengthening, refining and co-ordinating movement is a major focus for babies and toddlers. There are jobs for every stage of development offered indoors and outside. The climbing frames, ball games and rattles engage the children's motor skills. So does art, threading and sorting. The hand and the mind work together-children will handle jobs that exercise sensory development and mathematical skills.

Pre3 Montes children utilise a variety of specialised Montessori learning tools including smelling jars, mystery bags, weight cylinders, colour boards and shape puzzles, counting boxes and beads, object sorting and animal grouping.

## **Creative Activities**

It is recommended that you bring a change of clothes to Pre3 Montes because when the kids get creative with Arts and Crafts their clothes also become works of art!

## **Language Activities**

Literacy begins before birth; talking and listening to reading are the first steps. At Pre3 Montes we include an age appropriate library corner, songs, story timer and language objects.

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## Pre3 Montes House

- ★ Is your child's special place
- ★ Offers fun and focus with developmentally appropriate learning materials
- ★ Fosters growing independence
- ★ Children will benefit from exploring the Montessori 3-6 year old learning materials
- ★ Is led by a Montessori Co-ordinator supported by Perth Individual College's Cycle 1 Montessori Director.
- ★ Provides free parenting education sessions
- ★ Provides an opportunity to be part of a vibrant, active community

## Session Times

Monday	9.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Wednesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday	9.30am – 11.30am

**Prior to joining our Pre3 Montes Playgroup we encourage you to book in for a 30 minute classroom observation.**

To organise an observation send an email to: [admin@pi.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@pi.wa.edu.au)

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