



BUILDING A LEGACY OF LEARNING



THE NEW WADING RIVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL CAMPUS

Guided by Nature. Grounded in Montessori.

A place where children are inspired to wonder, discover, create, and become.

A VISION ROOTED IN PURPOSE

For more than twenty years, families have trusted us to provide an authentic Montessori education grounded in respect for childhood, purposeful work, and joyful discovery.

Founded in 2003 as Hands-On Montessori School, our community has grown through a shared belief that children thrive when they are trusted, challenged, and inspired to learn through meaningful experiences.

Today, that same philosophy begins an exciting new chapter as Wading River Montessori School—a name inspired by the beautiful natural landscape surrounding our new campus and reflecting our growing vision for learning beyond the classroom.



Montessori recognizes that children learn best through purposeful activity, meaningful choice, and hands-on exploration. Our role is not simply to teach children what to think, but to nurture their natural curiosity, independence, confidence, and lifelong love of learning.

Every element of our new campus has been thoughtfully designed to support that mission. Here, nature is more than a backdrop—it is an extension of the prepared environment.

While our name and campus have evolved, our mission remains unchanged.

New Name. Same Montessori Heart.

DESIGNED AROUND THE WAY CHILDREN LEARN

At Wading River Montessori School, the campus itself becomes a teacher.

Every classroom, garden, trail, and learning space has been intentionally designed to encourage exploration, concentration, creativity, and meaningful work.



Children will wonder.

Beautifully prepared classrooms invite curiosity, independence, and joyful discovery.



Children will build.

Our Hands-On Innovation Lab encourages engineering, creativity, experimentation, collaboration, and purposeful problem-solving.



Children will cultivate.

Gardens, orchards, greenhouse spaces, and outdoor learning environments extend Montessori Practical Life beyond the classroom.



Children will observe.

Woodlands, meadows, conservation land, and the Wading River provide authentic opportunities to study wildlife, ecology, and the changing seasons.



Children will care.

By tending gardens, respecting living things, and serving their community, children develop responsibility for one another and the natural world.

Some of life's greatest lessons cannot be taught from a desk. They are discovered through experience.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR LIFE

Montessori education has never been solely about preparing children for the next grade. It is about preparing them for life.

Every child deserves to feel safe, seen, heard, and valued within a caring community where they are encouraged to become their most authentic selves.

Through purposeful work, meaningful relationships, and real-world experiences, children develop the confidence and character to become curious learners, independent thinkers, compassionate community members, creative problem-solvers, responsible stewards of the natural world, resilient in the face of challenges, respectful collaborators, and joyful lifelong learners.

Children learn to work independently while discovering the importance of kindness, empathy, responsibility, and peaceful community.

Because education is not simply about what children know—it is about who they become.



A LEGACY BUILT TOGETHER

The journey to our new campus has been years in the making.

Children deserve a beautiful place to learn, grow, and belong.

Founded by Emily Miller in 2003, Hands-On Montessori School grew from a vision of providing authentic Montessori education rooted in respect for childhood and meaningful relationships.

That vision has flourished through the dedication of extraordinary educators, the trust of hundreds of families, the generosity of supporters, and a community united by a shared commitment to children.

Today, Wading River Montessori School represents the next chapter of that story.

While our campus has grown, the heart of our school remains unchanged.

Together, we continue building a place where children are encouraged to become confident, compassionate, capable human beings—and where future generations will experience the same sense of belonging that has defined our community for more than two decades.



DISCOVER WADING RIVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL

A new chapter is unfolding.

Surrounded by nature and thoughtfully designed around the way children learn best, Wading River Montessori School offers an environment where curiosity is nurtured, independence is celebrated, and childhood is honored every day.

From beautifully prepared Montessori classrooms and our Hands-On Innovation Lab to gardens, outdoor classrooms, wooded trails, and meaningful connections with the natural world, children experience learning with their minds, their hands, and their hearts.

We invite you to experience a school where learning extends beyond classroom walls, relationships matter, and every child is encouraged to discover the extraordinary potential within themselves.

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Schedule a personal tour and experience our new campus.





Wading River Montessori School

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PREPARING CHILDREN NOT ONLY FOR SCHOOL—BUT FOR LIFE.

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Serving children 18 months through Grade 6

Authentic Montessori Education • Nature-Based Learning
• Hands-On Discovery • A Caring Community

Schedule a Tour Here!



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