

Our Philosophy

OVCNS is a parent-owned and operated cooperative nursery school. Our guiding principle is that strong families and parent-child relationships grow where there is an opportunity for parents to participate in the preschool experience.

At OVCNS, each child's individual level of achievement, ability, interest and need are respected, while exploration and growth are gently encouraged. Our teacher, Molly Ward, follows the Montessori philosophy by allowing each child to grow and learn at her individual pace. Activities are provided that promote a child's imagination and creativity as she learns about herself and the world around her.

Our program is unique in its focus on supporting children as they learn about their relationships with others. Parents and teachers work together as children build social skills, experience empathy, and learn to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Finally, one of the most important aspects of our program is the opportunity that parents have to participate in the child's early education. Parents bring their talents, ideas, and presence into our classroom. We learn from one another, and are all enriched as a result!

Summer Program

This summer Molly Ward, and Jalinta Fitton, have lots of great activities planned. Our study of oceanography will include both the animals and plants of the ocean. In the classroom we'll be busy exploring the Montessori apparatus. Outdoors we'll cool off by building rivers in our sand area, playing water games, and making cool summer treats such as smoothies, slushies, and fruit salads.

If there is an interest, we'd very much like to have an outing one day to Santa Barbara. The Sea Center on Sterns Wharf offers touch tanks which will really bring our oceanography unit to life! Afterwards, we can picnic and frolic in the gentle white water of East Beach.

Our Staff

Molly Ward is our preschool teacher. She is an experienced, certified Montessori teacher. Molly provides a rich classroom environment with child-centered and directed Montessori materials, and combines this with our social-emotional learning and parent participation components. Molly earned her Elementary Montessori teaching credential from the American Montessori Society after studying at the Center for Montessori Teacher Education, N.Y. for three years. From 1995-2003, Molly taught elementary (ages 6-9) at the AMS accredited Montessori Center School in Santa Barbara. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1993 from UCSB. Her additional course work includes Lindamood Bell Phonemic Awareness and Symbol Imagery Programs, Brain Gym Educational Kinesiology, volunteer work for the Dyslexia Awareness and Resource Center, and intermediate sign language. She most enjoys spending time with her husband of 10 years, Bob, and their three year old son, Brady.

Jalinta Fitton is our Toddler Program Director and Teacher during the regular school year. She brings many wonderful and enriching opportunities to the classroom. Jalinta is also the mother of a six year old daughter who will be attending our program.

Jennifer Wing is the director of OVCNS.

Sign up now!

July 9th – 27th

For children 3-6 years old

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9am – 12:30pm

\$ 235.00 (plus \$35.00 material fee) per
student

One parent work day required per week

Space is limited, sign up early
Please check out our website:

www.ovcns.org

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for children ages 18 months – 6 years*

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*(the Ojai Valley's Parent Cooperative
Montessori preschool)*

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“Summer Camp 2007”
July 9 – July 27

Join OVCNS to provide an
enriching summer experience
for you child!