

Welcome to **Green Trails Montessori Daycare**



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Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Green Trails Montessori!

We're so happy to have you and your child begin this exciting journey with us. This guide was created to introduce you to our preschool, our philosophy, our daily practices, and the caring community that supports every child who walks through our doors.

At Green Trails, we believe early childhood is a time of wonder, discovery, and growth. Our role is to nurture that curiosity in a safe, joyful, and stimulating environment — one that encourages independence, creativity, and confidence.

Please take a few moments to read through this guide and keep it handy for future reference. If you ever have questions, concerns, or simply wish to connect, know that our team is always here for you.

Thank you for choosing Green Trails Montessori and for trusting us with such an important part of your child's development.

Warm regards,
Shazia Ansari

About Green Trails Montessori

Green Trails Montessori is a fully licensed childcare and learning centre proudly serving families through our locations in Nanaimo and Surrey. Our mission is to provide a warm, nurturing, and stimulating environment where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired to grow.

We understand that each child learns differently which is why our programs are thoughtfully designed to balance structure and freedom, giving children space to explore while providing gentle guidance along the way. Through both open-ended and guided activities, we encourage intellectual curiosity, emotional growth, and social connection.

Our approach combines **individualized learning** with **collaborative experiences**, helping children build confidence, independence, and a love for discovery that lasts well beyond their preschool years.

As Dr. Maria Montessori reminds us:

“A Montessori classroom is carefully prepared to allow the child to work independently and experience the joy of self-discovery.”

At Green Trails, we strive to bring that philosophy to life every day, creating an environment where learning feels natural, joyful, and full of possibility.

Our Philosophy of Childcare

At Green Trails Montessori, our philosophy is rooted in respect, empathy, and the belief that every child is capable of growth through curiosity, independence, and self-discovery. We guide children by creating an environment where they can learn through exploration, make meaningful choices, and develop confidence in their own abilities.

Guiding Children’s Behavior

We believe that children learn best when they feel understood, respected, and supported. Our approach to guiding behavior is gentle, consistent, and rooted in positive reinforcement:

- Each child will be treated as I would like to be treated.
- Each child is allowed to make mistakes and is encouraged to correct themselves.
- Each child will foster independence by settling their own disputes, with staff only intervening if necessary.

- Each child will learn problem-solving techniques, and in cases requiring intervention, staff will use various methods to resolve conflict, including removing a child from the situation, distracting or diverting the child, or explaining the situation and outlining the potential consequences.
- Staff will allow a child to complete a task themselves if they feel the child is capable of doing so successfully.
- Staff will praise a child for appropriate reactions and behavior as encouragement.
- Staff will provide examples of potential scenarios so a child can learn how to respond appropriately.
- Staff will use positive words to praise a child's actions.
- Staff will have clear, consistent, and simple rules, and each will be explained to the child along with the reasoning behind them.
- Staff will always use eye contact and calm, collected voices when giving a disciplinary message.
- Prior to giving a disciplinary message, staff will acknowledge the feelings of the child, as this is the best way to effectively deal with any behavioral escalation or when the child feels overwhelmed
- Staff will offer an alternative if they find the child's behavior unacceptable, such as limiting the use of toys and equipment.
- Staff will never use verbal or physical abuse to discipline a child.
- Staff will only provide furniture, equipment, and toys approved by the licensing authority.
- Staff will provide opportunities for children to have both indoor and outdoor play spaces, and each toy or piece of equipment will be evenly distributed to allow every child a chance to play with it.
- Staff will ensure that children's daily activities are balanced by providing ample time to play, learn, and rest.

By combining clear expectations with compassion and trust, we help children build the foundations of self-discipline, empathy, and responsibility, skills that will serve them for life.

Curriculum Overview

At Green Trails Montessori, learning is a joyful journey of exploration and growth. Our curriculum combines the creating an environment where children learn through discovery, creativity, and collaboration.

We believe that every child learns best when they feel curious, capable, and connected, and our role as educators is to guide, inspire, and empower that natural love of learning.

In our programs, children are encouraged to:

- Work independently and in small groups to build confidence and teamwork.
- Explore materials that nurture curiosity, problem-solving, and creativity.
- Develop empathy and social awareness through shared activities and daily interactions.

To learn about our program in greater detail please go to [Our Programs](#) document.
