



VMPS School Year Educational Services 2020-2021

Village Montessori and Preparatory School is happy to offer new services for the families in our community! Beginning this year, we now offer individual and small group Educational Services in the afternoons. These services are provided by Mrs. Stacy Atkinson, VMPS After School Lead Teacher and Learning Interventionist. Mrs. Atkinson holds an M.Ed. in Exceptional Student Education with a concentration in Educational Therapy. She is also a licensed Educational Therapist and her training is accredited by the International Dyslexia Association. Mrs. Atkinson has experience working with preschoolers up to college aged students as an academic coach, tutor and educational therapist.

Below is a listing of the Educational Services available for individual or small group sessions. Individual sessions may include a combination of services and techniques depending upon the needs of that student. Sessions and approaches are customized for each enrollee. Students with designated learning differences may benefit more from a heavier educational therapy approach whereas some students may benefit from more coaching and tutoring. Individual sessions can be scheduled for 30 minutes or 1 hour and may be scheduled for multiple days per week if desired. Small group sessions are 1 hour and will generally be 1 session per week with 2 to 5 students per group. Students do not have to be enrolled in any other VMPS program to participate in the after school educational services.

Academic Coaching - Students that need help with executive function (managing time, assignments and keeping up with what is due) often benefit from coaching to help them stay on track. Academic Coaching is designed to help grow the skills in the student so that they can navigate independently.

Tutoring - Some students need help in specific content areas to stay on pace in that class. Tutoring specifically addressed that need. The student would receive help on that specific content area on concrete skills related to the homework/classwork at hand.

Educational Therapy - The educational therapy available is specifically NILD (www.nild.org) techniques. This program aims at developing the skills that a student needs to become an independent learner with clear, efficient thinking and processing. The focus of the therapy is on: cognition, perception, academics and emotions.

Small Group Math - In small group math sessions, students will experience math in a fun, interactive environment to strengthen their math skills. Groups will be 2-5 students. These groups are designed to help with those foundational concepts that are sometimes not yet solidified in the traditional classroom before the class moves on to the next concept. Focus areas will include:

- Multisensory learning and numeracy exploration opportunities
- Number patterns
- Calculation and estimation
- Decomposing numbers
- Mental math strategies
- Basic facts practice
- Problem solving

Small Group Literacy - In small group literacy sessions, students will enjoy a multisensory approach to foundational literacy concepts. Groups will be 2-5 students. Concepts and strategies include:

- Phonemic awareness games
- Phonics instruction using proven strategies to strengthen decoding, fluency and spelling skills
- Reinforcement methods to improve reading comprehension
- Games and activities to build decoding and fluency skills

Session pricing is as follows:

- Individual Session 30 minutes - \$20 each
- Individual Session 1 hour - \$40 each
- Small Group Session 1 hour - \$30 each

Please note:

- Currently, VMPS hours are 8 am - 5 pm. We will adjust these hours when the FMUSD returns to school on August 31st. If you would like to schedule services with Mrs. Atkinson after 5pm, VMPS would be pleased to accommodate your appointment.
- Should you be unable to keep your appointment the fee will be applied to a new appointment.
- All session fees will be billed via Brightwheel.

To schedule an appointment:

- Please email the main office at info@villagemontessori.com or call (803) 462-5288.