



# VMPS LITERACY FOCUS

Village Montessori and Preparatory School encourages a rich learning environment in which initiative, curiosity, thoughtfulness, and imagination are nurtured and celebrated. Our classrooms incorporate structured literacy principals and methods based on the science of reading to encourage students to bond as a community of readers and writers.



**Literacy Assessments:** All students who are 4 years and older will be assessed in reading and alphabetic knowledge by our Literacy Specialist.



**ABC Folders:** ABC folders will be used in our classrooms and will be coming home with students who are 4 years and older.

- **In Class:** ABC folders will focus on where each child is at in their alphabetic and sight word readiness.
- **At Home:** We encourage parents to work with their students and their ABC folders 5+ minutes a day to aid in their literacy growth.



**Handwriting:** Our handwriting focus will begin with Montessori sand paper letters for tactile letter formation practice, practical life work to strengthen the hands, tracing metal insets for pencil control, and moveable alphabet work to practice making words and writing them. For more mature writers, they will write short sentences and short stories in their classroom journals.



**Reading Readiness:** Reading readiness skills will be developed through both Montessori and multi-sensory methods that are developmentally appropriate for each child and help foster a love for literacy.