## Discover Connection and Growth with Montessori & Me at Greene Towne

By Olivia Powers

Greene Towne Montessori School invites families with children ages 0–3 to join Montessori & Me, a unique playgroup designed to introduce the Montessori approach, foster community, and support early childhood development. Offered year round, Montessori & Me provides a warm, welcoming environment where both children and their caregivers can learn, grow, and connect.

In our thoughtfully prepared Montessori setting, toddlers spend their mornings exploring hands-on materials and engaging in developmentally appropriate activities that nurture independence and curiosity. At the same time, caregivers — whether parents, grandparents, or nannies — gain valuable insight into supporting their child's natural development through guided observations, one-on-one and small-group lessons, and meaningful discussions led by experienced Montessori educators.

In the afternoons, infants and their caregivers benefit from a nurturing environment where they can share the joys and challenges of parenting in a supportive community, guided by a Greene Towne facilitator.

What sets Montessori & Me apart is its collaborative model. Rather than working directly with the child, our Montessori teacher partners with caregivers, empowering them with tools and strategies they can use at home. This approach not only builds caregiver confidence and understanding but also strengthens the bond between adult and child.

Montessori & Me is ideal for families seeking connection, an introduction to the Montessori philosophy, or a gentle way to prepare their child for future schooling.



Montessori & Me Lead Teacher Olivia Powers.

"Our family loved the Montessori & Me program!" parent Jess Rice says. "Both of my children participated before they started their first school year, and it was the perfect way to prepare them for the new learning environment. The warm, friendly, and knowledgeable staff made each session enjoyable, and I looked forward to the playgroup every week. The program not only helped my kids feel comfortable in a classroom setting but also introduced us to the Montessori philosophy and genuinely made me feel part of the wonderful school community."

Whether you're new to Montessori or looking to join a welcoming parenting community, Montessori & Me offers a meaningful and enriching start to your child's educational journey.

Olivia Powers, a Montessori-trained teacher for ages 0-6, serves as Greene Towne's Montessori & Me Lead Teacher. Playgroup sessions take place at Greene Towne Montessori School, 55 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.



Participants in the Montessori & Me playgroup enjoy an activity together.