



SPIRITUAL VISION OF ROOTS MONTESSORI

Our hope at Roots Montessori is to allow all who enter our doors to know that there is a God who loves them. Our objective is to teach about God as Creator and Father who loves all of His creation with a never ending unstoppable steadfast love. We invite our school community to know more about Jesus and his message of grace, hope and love. We likewise hope for Roots to be a place where those who do not share our theological beliefs to still feel welcome and included in God's love.

This is meant to represent the spiritual approach that we as an organization take. We do not require families nor staff to personally agree to these, but we do ask staff to not speak in contradiction to them, regardless of their personal beliefs.

How do we live this out?

- Incorporate prayer into our school day - including circle time and before meals
- Celebrate Christian holidays - Advent, Christmas, Easter
- Teaching Children and Worship lessons in the Early Childhood program
- Monthly Chapels for elementary students - focusing on virtues and values that Jesus and the Bible teaches

What don't we do?

- Require kids to participate in religious rituals that do not hold personal value to them (no child is required to pray, memorize scripture, profess belief, etc. - they may be a silent observer if they do not wish to participate)
- Use language or discuss matters regarding condemnation, judgment, punishment for sins and Hell, what is considered sin, etc.
- Teach on other religions unless part of a cultural curriculum
- Talk about secular holidays and/or rituals that surround these - including, but not limited to, Santa at Christmas, Easter bunny at Easter, etc. We do not need to shame or shut down these conversations, but we also should not lead or encourage these conversations or ideas with students.
- If we celebrate Halloween here at Roots, we will not refer to or discuss the dark themes often associated with this (ie: witches, demons, etc.)