



❖SUNDBORN❖
CHILDREN'S HOUSE
❖A Montessori School❖

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“The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six.”

~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Overview

Sundborn Children's House serves twenty-five 2½ to 6 year olds in Albany. The program goals are to meet the social, intellectual, physical and emotional needs of children by offering a child-centered environment in a warm, loving and secure atmosphere. The program is based on Dr. Montessori's philosophy and educational methods which foster self-awareness and independence built through repeated experiences of personal success and self-mastery.

The name Sundborn comes from the name of the village where the Swedish painter, Karl Larsson, and his wife, Karin, raised their family in late nineteenth century, shortly after Maria Montessori was born. His love and respect of children were reflected in the cozy house he and Karin created.

Staff

The Director of the school, Karen Madsen-Barton, has been actively involved in the Montessori community of the Northwest for over 30 years. She has guided children of these ages in six different classrooms and directed the Overlake Montessori School in Bellevue, Washington. In addition to her B.A. degree from the University of Washington, she has taken the Association Montessori Internationale training at the Montessori Institute Northwest in Portland, Oregon.

Karen and her husband, Keith, are parents of two grown sons and live with five goats, two Toulouse geese, two cats and their dog in north Benton County.

The staff also includes two assistants.

Environment

“...education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual, and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment.”

~ M. Montessori

The physical setting at Sundborn Children's House brings the world into the children's grasp. Using materials and activities designed specifically for his or her needs, size and development, the child is able to move about the environment freely to choose his or her own work. The variety is diverse, attractive, and inviting.

This setting together with a trained Guide develops the whole personality of the child, not merely the intellectual faculties, but also the skills of deliberation, initiative, and independence and increased awareness of the child's emotional nature. The School assists the children in developing a community which is mindful of the group's needs and respectful to one another.

Sundborn Children's House offers a place where children can thrive in a carefully designed, holistic and supportive community.

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Non-Profit School—IRS 501(c)3

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Enrollment: 25 students

Ages: 2½ —6

Day Length: minimum 9:00–12:00
maximum 7:30–5:30