

4 1/2 to 6 years

The students, who have acquired comprehension of mandatory fundamentals after a nurtured pre-school level experience at Liberty, are now ready for higher academic challenges. We encourage students to observe, inquire and investigate the scientific processes to gather daily research on topics of interest. Students receive Japanese, Spanish and French language lessons combined with international cultural programs at a more advanced pace at this level to promote a diverse understanding of the world. These lessons are reinforced with songs, music, stories, movement and interactions with others from different countries. The students receive guidance and learn the essence of teamwork and leadership. The program also emphasizes etiquette and manners that are essential for successful socialization. Subjects such as Poetry, Math, Reading, English Language, Geography, Zoology, Chemistry, Health and Physical education as well as Technology and sciences are taught with hands-on, state-of-the-art materials to enhance the concepts and expand the capacity of the students' imagination. We provide opportunities for children to enhance their awareness of "cause and effect" through hand-on experiments, pictures, chemistry and educated explanation as to how and why things are on our planet and in the universe. Our own Eco-systems in the classrooms help the children to understand and observe the evolution of living organisms that sustain the earth's atmosphere, thus helping each student to be interested in and responsible for the environment on this planet. Music, Movement, Dance and Fine Arts are important elements that help to formulate rhythm and rhyme while stimulating creativity, hand/eye coordination and memory. Introducing students to various styles, media and history at this early age is intended to nurture their appreciation of artists and their contributions to enrich our world. Montessori educational system encourages children to choose their own interests. Every individual has innate impulses to focus on what comes naturally. Our teachers and specialists function as guides who recognize the talents of each individual child. Our aim is to accentuate the positive while helping the students to develop their own talents.