

# 2021-22

## MONTVERDE ACADEMY

### Lower School

Our Lower School curriculum is carefully chosen and researched to focus students on developing a deeper understanding of “Why.”

Teachers facilitate the talents and gifts of each child to help them to discover new and creative ways to access knowledge, interpret content and develop and share their ideas.

Montverde Academy has been accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and the Cognia (SACS/AdvancedEd).

A Quality Assurance Review is conducted jointly between NAIS, FCIS, and SACS/AdvancedEd.

### Lower School Enrollment Data

2020: 273 | 2021: 268 | 2022: 288

### Curriculum

**Pre-K3:** Our developmental curriculum is hands-on and play-based to promote growth in social development, school readiness, academics, and self-help skills. We work to make students feel safe and nurtured as they experience school for the first time. Curriculum introduced includes mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, technology, and foreign language.

**Pre-K4:** OWL by Pearson – This is a complete and comprehensive curriculum designed to support new learners as they begin their school adventures – some for the first time! OWL covers language arts, math, science, social studies, and social emotional development. Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • Spanish • PE • music • art

**Kindergarten:** Being a Reader, Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “Here We Are” Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • Spanish • PE • Music • Art

**First Grade:** Being a Reader, Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “Making Our Way” Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • Spanish • PE • Music • Art • Drama Technology • Library

**Second Grade:** Being a Reader, Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “We do Our Part” Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • Document Based Questions (DBQs) by The DBQ Project • Spanish • PE • Music • Art • Drama Technology • Library

**Third Grade:** Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “We are Connected.” Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • DBQs by The DBQ Project • Spanish • PE • Music • Art • Drama • Technology • Library

**Fourth Grade:** Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “We are Connected,” Florida Weekly Studies. Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • DBQs by The DBQ Project • Spanish • PE • Music • Art • Drama • Technology • Library

**Fifth Grade** Being a Writer, Making Meaning; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Pearson: My World – “Building Our Country.” Curriculum includes Handwriting without Tears • DBQs by The DBQ Project • Spanish • PE • Music • Art • Drama Technology • Library

### Administration

**Dr. Kasey C. Kesselring**  
President

**Meristell Shackelford**  
Dean of the Lower School

**Jayne Beucher**  
Associate Dean of the Lower School

**Nicole Wilson-Salkaus**  
Lower/Middle School Guidance  
Counselor

**Jennifer Boles**  
Assistant to the Lower School Dean/  
Receptionist

### How to Apply

Visit our website at [montverde.org/page/admissions](http://montverde.org/page/admissions) and complete the online application.

- Submit a copy of the applicant’s birth certificate or passport.
- Submit a copy of the applicant’s current year’s transcripts plus two years’ prior transcripts.
- Submit recommendation forms from the applicant’s current English teacher, math teacher, and principal or guidance counselor.
- Submit standardized testing
- Grades 6 through 10 submit Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). The PSAT and the ISEE are also acceptable.
- International students in grades 6-8 will submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test (DET) to satisfy the standardized test requirement.
- Students in grades Pre-K3-6 will have an assessment scheduled.

### Schedule your tour today!

### Activities:

Art Club	Equestrian	Irish Dance	Soccer	Track
Club Basketball	Garden Club	Junior Cotillion	Softball	Voice
Beach Volleyball	Golf	K-Kids	Swimming	Volleyball
Cheer	Instrumental	Lacrosse	T-Ball	
Choir	Lessons	STEM Club	Tennis	

