

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

2021: 268 | 2022: 288 | 2023: 289 | 2024: 290

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, *Heggerty Phonics* – Building on the developmental curriculum of Pre-K3, our Pre-K4 program continues to promote growth in early literacy, early numeracy, social development, and self-help skills. Looking at the individual needs of each child, students grow and learn independently and collectively through small group and large group experiences. Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears*; Spanish, PE, Music, Art.

Kindergarten: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears*; Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

First Grade: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears*; Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

Second Grade: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes *Handwriting without Tears; Document Based Questions (DBQs) by The DBQ Project*, Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

Third Grade: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears; DBQs by The DBQ Project*, Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

Fourth Grade: *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears; DBQs by The DBQ Project*, Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

Fifth Grade *Being a Reader, Being a Writer; Math in Focus – the Singapore Method; Amplify Science (Amplify Education, Inc.); Next Generation Science Standards; Studies Weekly.* Curriculum includes: *Handwriting without Tears, DBQs by The DBQ Project*, Spanish, PE, Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Library.

Activities:

Art Club	Choir	Junior Cotillion	Soccer	Track
Basketball	Garden Club	K-Kids	Softball	Voice
Beach Volleyball	Instrumental	Lacrosse	Swimming	Volleyball
Cheer	Lessons	Robotics	T-Ball	

2023-24

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Lower School

Administration

Jon Hopman

Head of School

Meristell Shackelford

Dean of the Lower School

Yordin Robinson

Associate Dean of the Lower School

Allison Varnado

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 and complete the online application.



Schedule your tour today!

