



LePort School  
Emeryville

## Groundbreaking Ceremony at New Emeryville Montessori Preschool

*For immediate release*

**Emeryville, CA, April 7, 2015.** A new Montessori preschool will open this fall in the heart of Emeryville. LePort Montessori School Emeryville is holding a family-friendly ground breaking ceremony at its new school site at 1450 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Emeryville this Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. Future students will do the honors, digging their little shovels in the dirt in the front yard of the school, ahead of the start of construction, which is scheduled for the following week.

The new Montessori school will offer programs for children ages three months through Kindergarten. It offers both English language and full-immersion Mandarin Chinese classrooms, each led by a Montessori-trained teacher. Students who graduate from the preschool can continue in LePort's Montessori elementary program, which is located just two blocks away, at 6460 Hollis Street.

The new preschool will find its home in a remodeled warehouse building, with the infant program in a cozy home on the same site. The school will have a large, natural play yard, as well as a rooftop deck with plenty of space to ride tricycles and to garden. Each bright, spacious classroom will feature en suite bathrooms, and will be equipped with a full range of high-quality Montessori materials.

"Interest in our school has been strong from the moment we announced our plans in January," explains Heike Larson, Vice President of Parent Outreach. "Many families are making their homes in the new apartments and condos being built in Emeryville, and many others commute here for work. To date, there just haven't been many childcare options in Emeryville, and our program meets this urgent need, helping growing Emeryville become a more family-friendly city."

Enrollment at the Montessori preschool is now open for the fall, and spots remain at all program levels (infant, toddler and preschool) in both the English-language and Mandarin immersion programs. Families can learn more about the new school at an open house this Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 12 noon, held at LePort's elementary campus at 6460 Hollis Street. Other community events around the ground breaking include a large yard sale from 9 am to 2 pm, hosted by the elementary community, along with a shoe sample sale by Livie and Luca, a local Emeryville company.

*For more information, visit <http://leportschools.com/emeryville-preschool/>*

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The new preschool features a large play yard, with lots of natural grass, as well as a rooftop deck for riding tricycles and gardening.



The Montessori programs for infants, toddlers and preschool allow children to learn with all their senses, and, in the Mandarin immersion classrooms, foster effortless bilingualism.