MIDDLE SCHOOL:  
Seventh and Eighth Grade Levels

West Side Montessori is a unique learning environment. Utilizing a thematic, integrated curriculum, emphasis is on inquiry and discovery. Process, or “learning how to learn” skills, is stressed with teachers functioning as facilitators and coaches. Students are responsible for their own learning, exploring as deeply as their interest and abilities take them. Because of this unique approach, students are expected to possess the following characteristics in order to experience success.

1. Enthusiasm for learning, and willingness and eagerness to try new things.
2. Self-direction in work habits and an ability to use independent working time effectively without constant supervision.
3. Consciousness of the need to respect others in regard to materials, space, and feelings.
4. Ability to maintain appropriate, non-disruptive behavior both in classroom settings and in unstructured situations.
5. Responsibility for the care of his/her own materials, as well as caring for the school materials and environment.

In addition to these characteristics, positive and supportive reinforcement from each student’s parents regarding these behavior expectations is also vital to the child’s success.