

## Portrait of a Graduate at Klahanie School: Outcomes

The beauty of Montessori is that it is meant for every child. As a Montessori student, your child will have the opportunity to develop the intellectual foundation and emotional confidence that will serve as secure stepping stones as he or she travels the path to becoming an adult.

Montessori educators equate success to helping children become self-confident, emotionally secure global citizens who can competently and confidently address social or economic issues while achieving their life's goals. As a result of the Montessori approach to education, Montessori students are prepared not only for testing academic knowledge, but for life.

We are a small teaching team of talented professionals with a wide range of skills and experience. We love what we do, and we do it with passion. We look forward to working in the process, honoring daily practice with your child and family community. Thank you to the following alumni and current Klahanie School families for sharing their perspective learning and growing together in our school community.

### Stories

Over the years, parents and alumni have shared their impressions of the education received at Klahanie School and their preparation for the next steps in development. These testimonials are the embodiment of what we strive to encourage and support in our student body and see as the values of our school. We also have a portrait of our graduate that helps to guide curriculum and development. This portrait is the culmination of our student development overview charts that articulate cognitive, social, and emotional benchmarks across program levels.

### Portrait of a Klahanie School Graduate

**The Klahanie School graduate acquires the inner knowing to practice: Kindness, Confidence, Community and Love of Learning**

#### Kindness and Love of Learning

- ***Kindness is Paramount at Klahanie School.*** Daily, moment to moment, Kindness and Inclusion are the foundation of our work together building collaboratively created trust and safety as a group, as a team.
- ***Love of Learning*** – Klahanie School graduates understand how to love the process of learning and find intrinsic purpose to the work of life. Students ongoing in our island community and onward recognize how learning paves the way toward accomplishing goals and how it can open up possibilities of endeavors. That bravery to learn, even in the moments of discomfort, shape the wonder, shape the inclusion practices to creativity, innovations and calm.

- **Problem Solving** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates appreciate the process of inquiry: how to begin with a question; research and analyze information relevant to the question; and how to use their imagination and creativity to enhance their understanding of essential concepts and ideas to explore solutions.
- **Decision Making** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates recognize the value of good decision making and the importance of applying their knowledge toward making and owning an appropriate course of action.

## Confidence

- **Self Advocacy** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates understand how to self-assess towards recognizing their individual needs and how to express those needs in a respectful and proactive manner.
- **Resilience** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates appreciate the importance of an optimistic outlook on life and a sense of humor as intrinsic to success and moving forward. They practice and begin to recognize how they can stay calm, listening and alert-reflective in how they respond to various situations, enabling them to assert a positive attitude in the face of adversity.
- **Bravery** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates respect the value of taking risks to challenge themselves to accomplish difficult tasks, to think in new and different ways, and to stand up for their beliefs and ideas and advocate for those around them. To always Voice Up.

## Community

- **Equity, Justice, Respect** - Klahanie School students set as council annual Agreements to co-create the meaning, feeling and actions of Equity, Justice, Respect for all in class and reasons about possible accommodations to set deeper awarenesses of the meaning first hand starting as small children. This leads to clear seeking of advocacy and Voicing Up.
- **Interdependence** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates understand their connectedness to others and the world around them and the value of connectedness towards ensuring progress and a good life for all. They recognize how to practice kindness, collaboration, inclusion, bias informed and past informed methods of taking in information—doing the research from a Kindness Science lens.
- **Empathy Compassion** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates work to build relationships with others of their own and diverse cultures with understanding and respect as key to a foundation of peace.
- **Collaboration** – Klahanie School Montessori Antibias graduates possess an understanding of how to come together with one another to work toward realizing common goals. They appreciate synergy and how collective and varying strengths can strengthen and heighten achieving goals.

## Testimonials

Klahanie School Parent

*Our family feels so fortunate to have found Klahanie Preschool. Klahanie is a magical place for our daughter where she is made to feel special every day when she arrives, learns about nature, and gets to play in the garden with her friends. In our 4 year old daughter's own words, "Teacher Emmy is the best because she gives me hugs and sings beautiful songs."*

*Emmy has been deemed "the child whisperer" by others and we concur! Emmy's heart is found in every corner of Klahanie, her energy is felt the moment you arrive and she is the earth that grounds the children and makes them feel safe.*

*The other teachers also add so much value to the program. My daughter is always so excited to tell me about her day with them all.*

*I am confident that my daughter will be ready for the first grade not only academically, but most importantly emotionally, because she will know how to interact with others by being empathetic, using words to express her feelings and adapting to a variety of teaching styles.*

Klahanie School Parent

*Our child joined Klahanie School in the fall of 2019, his first preschool and care experience outside our home. I have been in the early care and education field for most of my professional life in a variety of roles focused on quality improvements and access. Finding the right place for my preschooler was not going to be an easy task. I knew too much and my standards were very high for what I expected in an environment and from staff. Within moments of meeting Ms. Emmy and being in the Klahanie space I knew I found the place that would meet and exceed my expectations. At every step of the way, during our two years at Klahanie, Ms Emmy and Teachers proved me right. Our child thrived. He was cared for, nurtured, challenged, held accountable and built foundational skills that will serve him well through the rest of his life. One story stands out – to this day we use a talking rock in our house, because our 3 year old taught the adults in our home how to show respect for each other while talking about our days at the dinner table.*

*Klahanie School exceeded our expectations, in the foundational commitment to talking about race and racism. These are tough topics for anyone, especially small children. The staff at Klahanie tackle this topic head on, with grace and honesty. My six year old has the confidence*

*and skills to stand up to injustices when he sees them, calling out wrongs in the world, and supporting his friend as an ally.*

*Our years at Klahanie were a foundation setting for the entire family and I cannot say thank you enough for the time and investment in our child. We will continue to go back for summers and special visits as long as Ms Emmy will have us.*

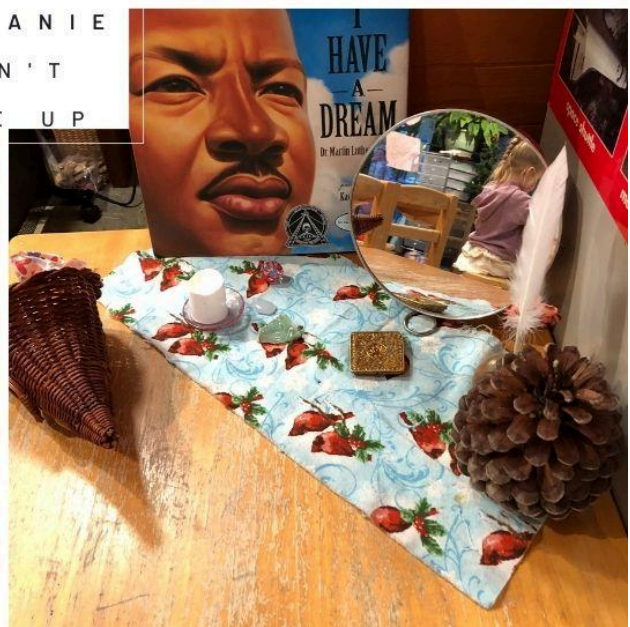
Klahanie School Parents

*We find great comfort and excitement in knowing that our two children are being taught to be compassionate, empathetic and brave leaders. Klahanie School teaches our children about the natural world, important figures and life issues in a way that resonates with the children. Klahanie is like a second home and what a magical second home to have. We are so grateful! Thank you!*





PEACE  
FOCUS  
KLAHANIE  
WON'T  
GIVE UP





## \*\* Klahanie School 2023-2024 Class Agreements \*\*

- Always make sure people feel Safe, comfortable and LOVE.
- Scream <sup>un</sup><sub>un</sub> only in emergency
- I am going to love my parents while I'm at School.
- We love Dress-up and costumes - new names at School.
- Being SAFE. • Figuring things out. • Kindness ♡♡  
"Hello" "Want to Play?"
- Calling parents when needed, or texts.
- When Friends Listen to each other and Invite (Include) each other &.
- Welcome for Friends to Play with costumes + Have choices.
- Bringing stuffies to School.
- We ask permission and listen for Consent <sup>Permission-to-</sup>  
to Touch Gentle (Dancing, Hugs) ♡
- Staying Together as a Group at School - make sure Teachers know where everyone is.
- At School: Please Don't Play chase, Teasing or Hide and seek <sup>or never</sup>
- If we see, hear or feel a Friend say "No" "Maybe" and say they are Scared - we STOP
- No Scaring at School - School is a SAFE SPACE ♡
- We say "please" and "thank you" and "Pardon Me"  
"Sorry" ~ when hurt feelings or bodied.
- Learn + Grow - we all make mistakes and are Great People
- We Listen when my Friends say "Space" "please" and welcome back following pauses.