

# Smaller Scholars Montessori Academy

## High Tech *AND* Wireless!

In keeping up with the times, Smaller Scholars Montessori Academy has entered a new stage of high tech integration. The Elementary program has wireless Macintosh laptops, digital cameras, digital camcorders, a computer piano keyboard, wireless printer and an LCD projector adding to an already rich Montessori environment.



With wireless mobile laptops teachers are free to integrate technology fully into instruction as well as assignments. Our lower elementary students (ages 6-9) are mastering basic typing skills, internet research skills, and word processing. Next they will be using Power Point to publish their creative stories using drawing tools and text boxes. Our upper elementary students (ages 9-12) are learning Power Point as a presentation tool and on creating presentations using animated graphics, sound effects, and even moving transitions.

Teachers and parents are also been able to benefit from the new technology. They are using Quick time video clips and project ideas found on the internet to supplement lessons allowing them to bring more of the outside world into the classroom. Progress reports and record keeping are put on-line to allow teachers to easily and quickly track students' work throughout the day. During our Cultural Night, parents are able to view a short video clip of actual cultural lessons given by each classroom teacher, video taped and edited by one of our own teachers and implemented in a Power Point presentation. Our music teacher has plans to teach music composition using the laptops, keyboard, and a new program called Garage Band.

Smaller Scholars Montessori Academy is at the cutting edge in technology integration providing anytime anywhere learning. Futures goals for the students include web page development, digital video presentations, and even pod casting reports. Of course, this is only the beginning in creating a more technology-literate environment for our elementary students and bridging the gap between Montessori and Technology.