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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Anchorage Montessori School Has Exciting News!

Anchorage Montessori School is proud to announce that we are participating in Learn & Grow, Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS), and has been recognized at the first level of quality—**Level 1: Learning About Higher Quality**.

This means Anchorage Montessori School is committed to high-quality early care and learning for your child. Learn & Grow gives us a framework to engage in continuous quality improvement activities and supports us as we progress through the levels of quality.

The levels of quality within Learn & Grow are:

- Level 1: Learning About Higher Quality
- Level 2: Moving Into Higher Quality
- Level 3: Committing to Higher Quality (*not yet available*)
- Level 4: Growing Into Higher Quality (*not yet available*)
- Level 5: Thriving In Higher Quality (*not yet available*)

"I am very pleased that we can utilize these additional tools as we continue our quest for and maintenance of quality education for the children of Alaska.", said Rick Toymil, Executive Director.

Currently, there are 43 other states that have a statewide QRIS like Learn & Grow. Alaska launched its QRIS in July 2016, making Anchorage Montessori School an early adopter and leader in quality improvement in Alaska. The assistance Learn & Grow provides helps early care and learning programs like us improve the quality of their care. Research shows that high-quality early care and learning experiences help children become healthier, more prepared for school, and more successful in life. When young children succeed, the whole community benefits.

This milestone means our staff will have access to additional resources and specialized trainings that will help your child thrive. We pledge to continuously work towards providing the best care for your child, and we are honored to serve the families of this community. By participating in Learn & Grow, Anchorage Montessori School joins the ranks of other programs across the state who are committed to advancing the quality of early care and learning for our youngest Alaskans.



Learn & Grow
Alaska's Commitment to Quality Early Care & Learning

About Learn & Grow

*Learn & Grow is Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS) and its mission is to advance the quality of early care and learning to foster the success of young children. Learn & Grow is managed by and housed at **thread**, Alaska's Child Care Resource and Referral Network, and is part of a national QRIS movement.*