



## Language and Literacy - An Infant/Toddler Presentation

*Presented by*

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**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cool Springs Montessori School**

**207 Gothic Court, Franklin, TN 37067**

**\$60 per participant**

This workshop will explore what language is, how children develop language, and what Infant/Toddler teachers can do to promote language development in their students. It will include hands-on experience with some of the materials in the Montessori infant/toddler language curriculum, as well as information about ways to use sign language, music, and poetry to introduce infants and toddlers to the worlds of language and culture.

Participants in the workshop will come away with:

- Practical ideas about ways to nurture language development that they can implement immediately in their classrooms.
- Information about the power that music can have as its own language and as a supplement to our language.
- Credible information that they can share with parents about the Montessori language materials and the overall Montessori language curriculum for infants and toddlers.

*This workshop will provide 6 hours of professional development training, which meets the TN Dept. of Education literacy training requirement for preschool teachers and assistants.*

**Register online at: [www.matenn.org/2019-literacy-workshops.html](http://www.matenn.org/2019-literacy-workshops.html)**

*Registration is limited. Secure your space soon.*

**Payment:** Payment can be made by check or cash the day of the workshop. Checks should be payable to Montessori Alliance of TN.

**Lunch:** Cool Springs Montessori will provide space for those who bring bag lunches, as well as a list of nearby restaurants for those who prefer to go out.

## **About Our Presenter**

Deirdre McCambridge is an experienced Montessori teacher and trainer who has worked with children from ages 6 months – 12 years, but has found her place with toddlers. She received Elementary I Montessori teacher certification from the Princeton Center for Teacher Education in 2002 and Infant/Toddler Montessori teacher certification from Village Montessori Training Center in 2013. She also has a BS in Home Economics Education from Immaculata University and an M.Ed in Early Childhood Education from Wilmington College. In addition to being the Toddler Lead Guide at Cool Springs Montessori, Deirdre is also an Infant/Toddler trainer with the Center for Guided Montessori Studies, where she led the “Montessori Beginnings” course in 2018. Deirdre cares passionately about Montessori teaching and about working with toddlers. As she puts it, “Toddlers are discovering their world and it is joyful and exciting. I get to be in the forefront as the toddlers grow, learn and work to create themselves. It is the age of discovery, and I am lucky enough to watch this occur each and every day.”