

Leanna Ampola ([00:00](#)):

Hello, I'm Leanna Ampola. If you're curious about Montessori-style classes or Montessori math enrichment for your homeschooler, stick around to hear what I offer.

Leanna Ampola ([00:12](#)):

I'm an AMI-certified Montessori elementary teacher for grades one through six. AMI is the organization that Maria Montessori founded to pass down her legacy and train teachers in her methods. I've completed advanced Montessori math training, and I have a master's degree in education. My master's paper focused on the outcomes of homeschooling and how adult homeschoolers are doing out in the world, and very positively, I will tell you, so that was good news. I taught in a Montessori classroom before leaving to homeschool my own children.

Leanna Ampola ([00:45](#)):

I homeschooled my children for six years. I taught many classes, ran a project group, and tutored throughout the homeschool communities. I also went as far as getting a daycare license and running Montessori programs out of my home. I hosted a one-day and two-day program a week where children would come and have a Montessori-style day in my home. We had Montessori lessons with Montessori materials and work periods. It was a lot of fun.

Leanna Ampola ([01:16](#)):

Here's how I work with children in the areas of math and geometry. Homeschool parents can outsource their entire math curriculum to me if they want. They can say, "I'm getting really busy at work. My daughter's struggling in sixth grade math. Will you please meet with her every week, give her homework, make sure she meets her deadlines, and basically learn the realm of sixth grade math." And I can do that, and I've done that with a variety of students at different age levels.

Leanna Ampola ([01:43](#)):

Or I can supplement an existing curriculum. If a child is having issues with just some aspects of math, I can be available to work with them on an as-needed basis. I work in person or online, and I provide individual sessions and group classes to both homeschoolers and children in traditional schools. And I love to show how concepts are used in real life. This isn't the best picture, but I was teaching this young man math at the grocery store.

Leanna Ampola ([02:10](#)):

Montessori math materials are at the heart of my learning programs, and many can be made from inexpensive craft supplies. The picture on the left at the top, there's the stamp game. But below that on the table, those stamps that are laid out are just pieces of foam, and you can buy a whole batch of foam from Amazon for \$5. I coach children how to make their own materials at home. You can use the stamp game to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and long division. In addition, you can use negative number materials such as this to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of negative numbers.

Leanna Ampola ([02:51](#)):

I own a wide range of Montessori math materials, and if a student can't make a material at home, I can demonstrate it for them on camera or in person.

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Leanna Ampola ([03:00](#)):

Children see and touch math with me. They use materials throughout our work together. These are just some examples.

Leanna Ampola ([03:09](#)):

This is another example of a class I offer. Botany. There's so many interesting things to learn. The children at the bottom here are making root soup, and the children up at the top are doing our final activity, which was a scavenger hunt at the local farmers market. They had to find fisculate roots, composite flowers, aggregate fruits, all kinds of things. They had such fun. We also do experiments and all kinds of scientific labeling of different samples.

Leanna Ampola ([03:39](#)):

These are examples of some of my other classes. If you haven't looked at the Big History curriculum, check out this website. It's all free. It's tailored toward middle and high school students, but there's a great variety of information there, and I encourage you to check it out. I appreciate your interest. If you'd like to learn more, there's additional information on my website, and you can always email me.

Leanna Ampola ([04:04](#)):

Best wishes for all of your homeschool adventures.