

Spring

Warmer weather has returned and so are the beautiful Daffodils, bees and birds. Children enjoy watching birds come into our backyard and eat bird food from the feeders. What a wonderful thing to experience!!



HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN TO BE PATIENT IN MONTESSORI?

Patience is a very important virtue in, especially, today's world. People act with violence to resolve problems, just because they do not have the capacity to be 'patient' to think through a situation.

We need to create this world a safe place for our children. Dr. Montessori lived through two World Wars, and aptly noted that humankind need "World Peace" for future generations to live harmoniously. The only way to accomplish this is through young children. Our children are the future of this world.

In the Montessori school, children are trained to become Patient through hands on, purposeful activities. This training happens from the first day itself and at various levels.

PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 10**
PA Day Holiday
Parent Conferences
- **March 13-17**
Spring Break
- **April 7**
Good Friday
- **April 10**
Easter Monday
- **May 14**
Mother's Day
- **May 22**
Victoria Day Holiday

HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN TO BE PATIENT IN MONTESSORI? (Continued)



When a young child enters a Montessori classroom in the morning, he or she is required to take off their jacket, outdoor shoes, put on indoor shoes, and wash hands. This will train them to be patient, which gives them a few moments before beginning any activities that they are so eager to get on with.

New students in a Montessori classroom are shown simple activities called, Preliminary Activities. These activities help them familiarize with the routine, make them feel welcome and comfortable. During this process of familiarization children can only work with these few chosen activities, thus, they learn to resist their temptation of staying away from other attractive materials. Moreover, this prepares children to wait for a presentation from the adult before using any material to get the best benefit out of that.

In the classroom there is only one piece of material available for a full class of 24 or more children. This means if a child desire

to work with a certain material and if that material is being used by another child, he/she will have to wait until that material is back on the shelf and available for them to use. Thus, the child learns to be patient to wait for that material or use another material.

“In these times, more than ever before, our hope is that education will offer an aid to better the condition of the world.”

Dr. Maria Montessori

