

Change of Seasons

With the change of Seasons outside we are also witnessing a wonderful change inside the classroom with children. They show more confidence and independence from the point of choosing materials, carrying on activities up to the point of putting them away. As a result they are becoming self-confident and happy little human beings.



WHAT IS MONTESSORI EDUCATION AND HOW DOES IT HELP YOUR CHILD?

Montessori Education is based on Science and it was founded by Dr. Maria Montessori, who was an Italian Physician and Educator in 1907. She used her knowledge to observe preschool children and designed Scientifically prepared didactic materials for them to use. These specifically prepared materials were

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 9**
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **December 23 - January 6**
Christmas/Holiday Break
- **January 9**
First day after Christmas/Holiday Break

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presented to children according to their age and skill level. Dr. Montessori discovered that children preferred these educational materials over toys and they would work with them repeatedly to satisfy an inner need they have in order for them to learn certain skills that will prepare them for their later life, and become Normalized. She also created a special environment for children, with everything in it prepared according to the child's size. This was her experiment on children like a Scientist perform experiments in a laboratory. But Dr. Montessori believed that children would better perform if she placed them in an environment they were comfortable with, which is like a home. Then she observed them, presenting and representing materials whenever necessary, leaving them to work with the materials on their own.

Dr. Montessori said, "We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit."



Current Scientific research have proven that a Montessori prepared environment, a prepared adult and Montessori materials, aid children with their Executive Functioning; paying attention, controlling behavior, and thinking flexibly for their success in Kindergarten and beyond.

"The child's interest in doing better, and his own constant checking and testing, are so important to him that his progress is assured. His very nature tends toward exactitude and the ways of obtaining it appeal to him."

Dr. Maria Montessori