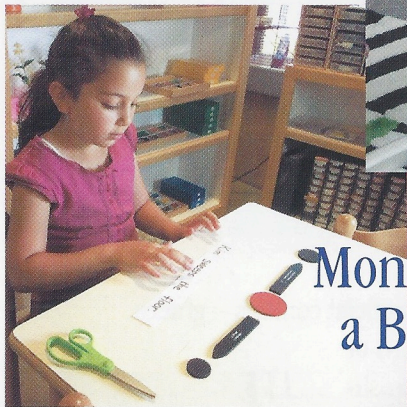
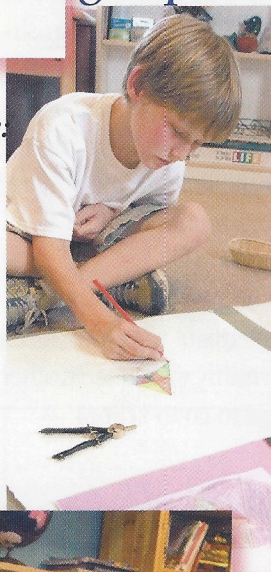


An Overview of Montessori: Birth – 18 Years

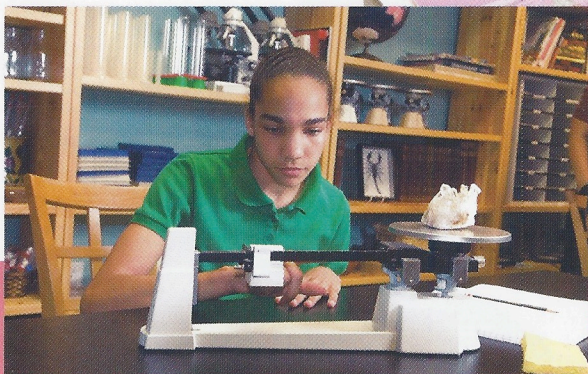


Montessori is a Big Topic



Montessori is many things.

- Montessori is a system of education;
- Montessori is a philosophy of life;
- Montessori is 100+ years old; and
- Montessori is worldwide.



Every child is different.



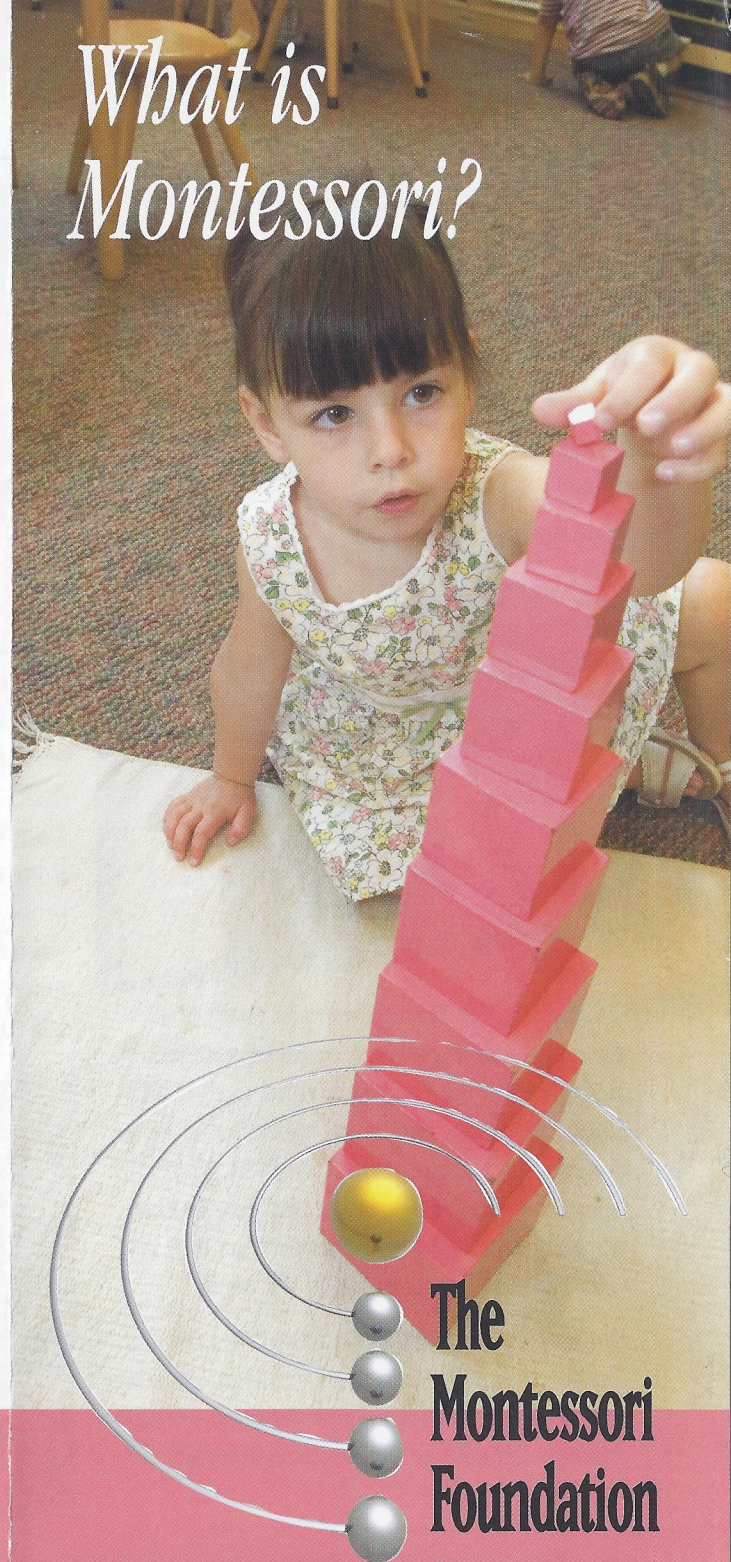
Every one of us has our own personality, our own sense of what will give our life meaning. Montessori children just tend to find what will make them happy more often than most.

For more information about Montessori, visit www.Montessori.org, read *The Montessori Way* or *How to Raise an Amazing Child*, talk to the school admissions director or head of school, or read the other brochures in this series.

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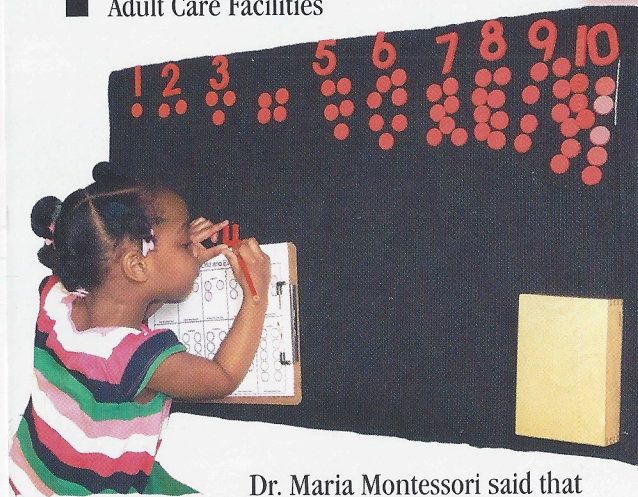
Montessori is a developmentally based approach to education.

Montessori can be applied in many settings and with a wide range of ages.

- Birthing Centers
- Early Childhood Centers
- Homeschools
- Family and Home Life
- Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Adult Care Facilities



As you look at Montessori, you will see a profound respect for children as real human beings; a belief that learning is innate, in-born and natural; that children are curious and creative; and that intelligence is anything but uncommon among human beings!



Dr. Maria Montessori said that the real needs of children could be studied and identified scientifically. And, while each child is a universe of one, there are patterns that we can predict that are normal, such as when they begin to walk and talk, when they become engaged in community service, or when they can calculate the distance around the earth.

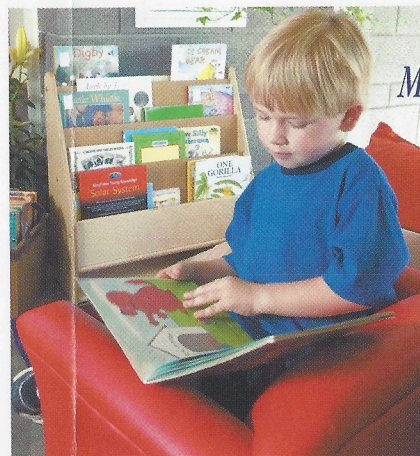
Montessori is very different from what most of us experienced in schools as children. Because it is so different, many people become nervous and concerned that Montessori is too radical – too experimental.

Montessori is a philosophy that says, whether we're working with the unborn, the newborn, the young child, school-age child, the teenager, the college student, or someone suffering from dementia or strokes, there is a way to focus the program around the **real** needs – emotional, intellectual, neuromuscular – of humans without prejudice or bias.



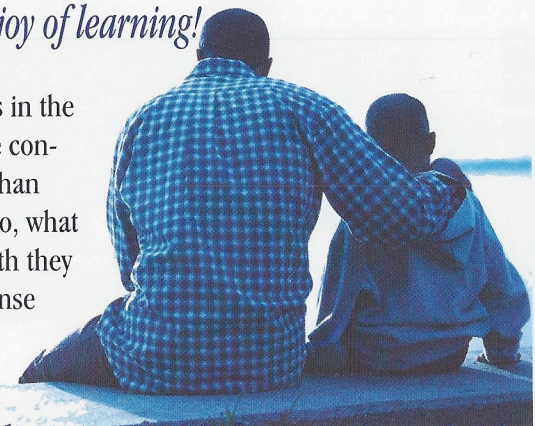
Instead, our whole focus is on respect and partnership – on creating environments in which children learn naturally, learn in harmony with one another, and where they actually want to go to school.

Attempting to use artificial controls – grades, rewards or the threats of humiliation and punishment – may work with some children but are unnecessary and often impede the child's natural development.



Montessori children rarely lose the joy of learning!

The evidence of their success is in the happiness of their lives and the contentment in their work rather than simply what college they went to, what grades they made or what wealth they accumulated. They have the sense that their lives have deep and profound meaning.



Our goal is not to convince you but to help you understand more about Montessori, so that you can determine whether it is a good fit for you and your family.