



# Nurturing the love of learning

## The Principles of the Montessori Method

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“No sooner was the child placed in this world of his own size than he took possession of it. Social life and the formation of character followed automatically. So what resulted was not just the child’s happiness, but the child began his work of making a man.”

*Maria Montessori*



Montessori believed that children are qualitatively different from adults – they require a different approach.



The whole child is educated.



# Child centered approach



# Active engagement



# Hands-on learning: moving from concrete to abstract.



# Intrinsic motivation



# Independence and initiative



# Self discipline



# Concentration develops



# The child in nature



# Mixed age grouping



# Social interaction



# A small community



The inner life of the child is respected.



# Joy



Montessori believed that children learn best in a prepared environment.



Respect: for each other, the teachers and the environment.



The child is “a discoverer...an amorphous, splendid being in search of his own proper form.” Dr. Maria Montessori

