

Montessori Works Philosophy

The philosophy is based on Dr Maria Montessori's studies on human development. Children 0-6 years take in (absorb) their environment, social customs and language without effort or studying as adults do.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Montessori prepared environment gives the child the opportunity to develop in all spheres: physical, social, spiritual using materials and activities which s/he may not find elsewhere to stimulate intellect (higher mental functioning).

VISION:

Children are interested and learn on their own initiative if the environment allows for this. The criteria are as follows:

- The materials must be child sized and easily accessible to the child
- The activities must be interesting (to the children) isolating and specific. They must be varied and gradually increasing in difficulty.
- The Educators must observe and assess the child's needs and interests and present materials accordingly.
- After the initial presentation by the Educator, the child must have time and freedom to pursue these activities when s/he chooses.
- Disruptive and disorderly behaviour is not allowed.
- Others are not to be disturbed when they are working.
- On the completion of an activity, the child is required to put the work away.

VALUES:

1. Independence
2. Self discipline
3. Development of the will
4. Develop the ability to choose
5. Develop concentration
6. Help the adaptation to the environment (home, school, society, world)
7. Respect for and understanding our place in Ecology.
8. Love of learning.
9. Love of work (activity with a purpose)
10. Prepare the child to be a happy and productive member of society.
11. Develop creativity and an Appreciation of the Arts.
12. Sublimation of the possessive instinct
13. Mutual aid and cooperation
14. Attachment to Reality