

## A Reflection on "Practice"

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Within the process of re-evaluation of our Mission Statement the word practice was enthusiastically embraced as a satisfying way to describe the way we engage in Responsible Independence.

The Collin's Dictionary offers:

- Practice: (v) To do something habitually or frequently; to observe or pursue.

We use the infinitive in our Mission thus the action becomes a noun.

- Practice : (n) Repetition or exercise of an activity in order to achieve mastery and fluency.

And so we engage in the practice of responsible independence, sometimes fulfilling the wondrous potential of these words, sometimes only managing to circle the edges of what is possible. This search, this quest is the very quality that Montessori education is charged to offer: the ability to act with agency within community. With our willingness and commitment to practice we all become students, we all become teachers.

And for a different perspective, watch this [video](#).

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