

## Montessori Tenets: Prepared Environment

There are so many things to highlight and appreciate about how Hilltop Montessori School is a true Montessori school. One that came to mind this week is how wonderfully "prepared" the HMS environment is. Amelia and I met with Tara Davis earlier this week to discuss how we can partner with Morningside Shelter to help them "prepare" a corner of their facility to engage children. [See below.] Our meeting reminded us of how beautifully prepared the Hilltop Montessori School environment is:

- a spectacular outdoors site and space
- a spacious, custom building designed for exactly our purposes with each program area sized for the students it serves
- classroom materials/projects designed to engage students and encourage concentration and a love of learning
- skilled, trained and experienced teachers who give the children freedom to gain independence

Years ago, long before seeing this school, I wrote [an article](#) about how Dr. Montessori explained the importance of the "prepared environment." It is so rewarding to see how wonderfully the HMS environment embodies her ideals.

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