

Montessori Tenets

Montessori Beginning Reading Materials and Lessons

Many parents have asked about the information covered in the Curriculum Night we had on our Language Program. [This video](#), titled "The Montessori Language Program", includes many of the topics we covered for the younger programs. While it won't include the connection to our teachers that many find so valuable in our parent education nights, it does give you the basics of what is covered in our classrooms as we prepare and launch students on the road to reading.

Montessori Tenet of "Do Not Disturb"

One of the most important components of an authentic Montessori program is a long uninterrupted work cycle. The reason for this is to embrace and increase a child's ability to concentrate. When a child is focused and developing the mind with their activity, we want to encourage that, not interrupt with a group activity or a request to do something else. In the Children's House this week, there were many new "works" fitting with the new Spring season. It was so affirming to see children pouring, scooping, and spooning with rapt attention. I also observed Cheryl giving a lesson on numbers with a couple of Middlers. This activity quickly caught fire and children continued with the activity on their own, with older children leading the activity for new younger ones. Seeing a Montessori classroom in action is a beautiful thing!

You can further increase your child's concentration at home by interrupting them as little as possible. If they are involved in something with their hands, observe and enjoy. Then afterwards, give them quiet freedom to sit with the work after completion, not rush them on. This is not always easy to do in our rushed lives, but I hope this reminder serves to help you value that time and freedom.

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