

5 Principles

OF MONTESSORI

Respect for the Child

Montessori requires that children be shown respect. This includes giving them independence and the freedom to make decisions for themselves. It also promotes peaceful conflict resolution.



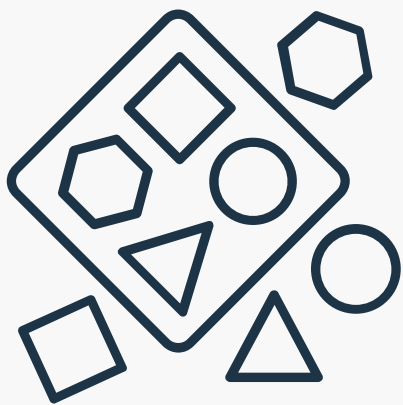
The Absorbent Mind

The Montessori principles state that children are constantly learning from the world around them and, as thinking beings, they are able to make sense of what they absorb.



Sensitive Periods

Montessori principles say that there are certain optimal times when a child is ready to learn particular skills. There are 11 sensitive periods from birth through age 6.



The Prepared Environment

The Montessori philosophy says that a child's environment should be prepared to maximize exploration and independent learning.

Auto-education

The Montessori approach says that children are capable of educating themselves when given the prepared environment and inspiration, encouragement, and guidance from adults.

