

Tomorrow's Child

THE MAGAZINE FOR MONTESSORI PARENTS

Answering the questions
every Montessori parent asks

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for my child?

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that it's working?

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my child doing
at school?

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home?

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to support my
child's school?

“What have we gotten ourselves into?”

“A Montessori school.”

“But what’s that?”

Every year around the world more than a million children begin their first year in Montessori. Each child comes with a set of parents, grandparents, and family friends who ask, “Just what is this thing called Montessori?”

No doubt about it, Montessori schools are very different from the schools that most of us attended as children.

Parents who have raised Montessori children know that Montessori works! However, as has been the case since Dr. Montessori opened her first school more than 90 years ago, it takes some time to sort through all the conflicting impressions and interpretations about Montessori education.

Montessori parents are often asked to explain, and at times defend, their decision to send their child to a Montessori school. Many of us don’t know where to begin.

After all, it really is a bit much to take in all at once, all this talk *about planes of development, sensitive periods, and prepared environments*. It’s all so complicated, especially when everyone we meet seems to have a different impression of Montessori.

Some people rave about it; others think that we must be nuts to put our children in Montessori. Some are convinced that Montessori is too rigid and robs children of their creativity, while others object that it is too unstructured and without serious academic standards.”

Tomorrow’s Child magazine helps parents sort all this out! It provides them with insights and information that helps them to feel confident that Montessori will prepare their children for the real world.

Whether this is your first year with a child in Montessori, or if you have years of experience as a Montessori family, *Tomorrow’s Child* will help you understand and appreciate Montessori and apply Montessori in your home. *Tomorrow’s Child* is published five times during the North American school year: September, November, January, March, and May.



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“What will Montessori do for my child?”

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- Is Competition a Necessary Part of Learning?
- The Junior Great Books Program for Montessori Schools



“What can we do to help at home?”

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- Helping Young Children Prepare to Start School
- Montessori Parenting: Applying Montessori Principles in Raising Caring and Capable children
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- Help Your Child Master Vocabulary
- Designing a Montessori Infant Environment at Home
- Temper Tantrums
- Bonding with Your Baby: It’s Never Too Early to Start
- Civilized Behavior: More Than Just Manners
- Sibling Rivalry



“What exactly is my child doing at school?”

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- Montessori 101: What Every Parent Should Know
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“How can I be sure that it’s working?”

- Why Montessori for the Kindergarten Year?
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- Tests, Grades & Competition in Montessori
- What Does Not Getting Grades Have To Do with Long-Term Success?
- Outcomes of a Montessori Education
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- A Case for Multi-Age Grouping

“What can I do to help my child’s school?”

- 101 Ways to Build Community in Your School
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- Parent Forums
- Class and Community Meetings
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