

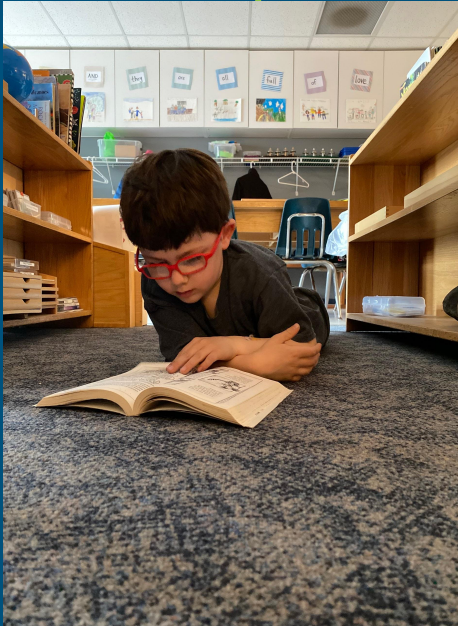
Montessori 101



Maria Montessori - 1870 - 1952



What is Montessori Education?



Principles of Montessori Education

- The Prepared Environment
- Mixed-Age Classrooms
- Freedom with Limits
- Hands-On Learning
- Individualized Learning
- Respect for the Child
- Focus on Practical Life Skills
- Absence of Rewards and Punishments

The Areas of a Montessori Classroom

Practical Life - Activities surrounding care of the self and the environment, grace and courtesy, everyday living skills: hand transferring, scooping, pouring, using tongs, chopping, grating, squeezing

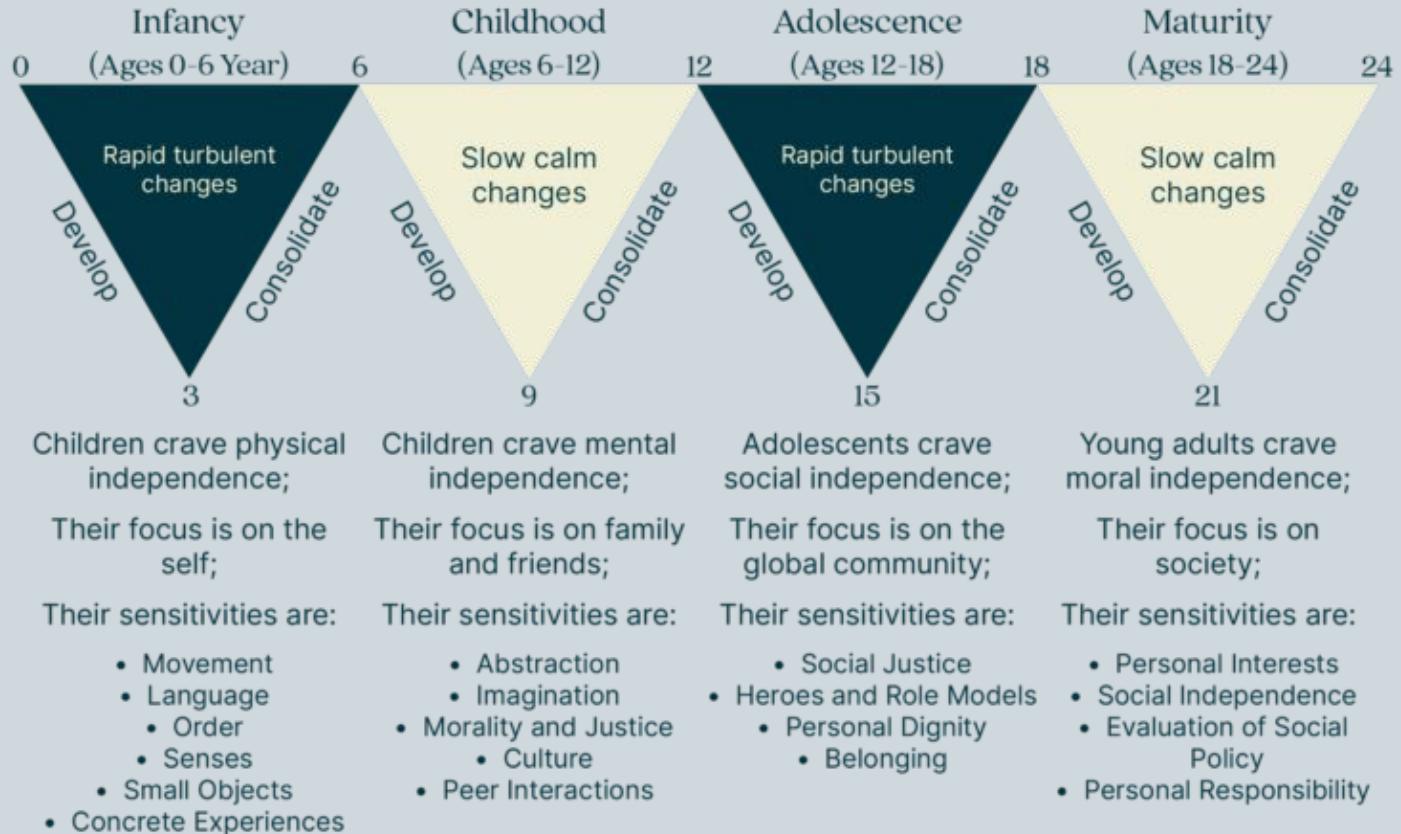
Language - phonetic focus, based on mastery learning, grouped purposefully

Math - rooted in concrete examples of quantities and concepts (squaring/cubing), based on mastery learning, specific progression

Sensorial - having to do with the senses: texture, form, color, shape, sound, taste, smell, size

Geography and Culture - Begins broad, then narrows; honors and places a strong emphasis on peace and intentionally focused on diversity; includes Science topics.

The Four Planes of Development



How do we execute Montessori's vision?

1. Observation
2. Careful Planning (the Prepared Environment)
3. The Role of the Teacher
4. Montessori Materials
5. Montessori Curriculum Areas
6. Benefits of Montessori Education
7. Parent Involvement

Common misconceptions about Montessori Education

It's faith-based/associated with a religion

Children are given no structure and too much "free reign"

It is academically focused

Montessori Values Re-Cap

Respect for the
child

Freedom within
limits

Hands-on learning

Child-led learning

Peace education



Resources and What's Next?

Montessori's own books

AMS website - amshq.org

AMI website - montessori-ami.org

Other websites -

montessorieducation.com with Jesse McCarthy; The Montessori Notebook, The Montessori Family,

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent Observations!

More Montessori Parent Ed Events!