



Montessori in the Home

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Top Five Tips

1. Create a prepared environment in your home
2. Follow your child's interests
3. Promote order and routine
4. Model respect, grace and courtesy
5. Nurture Outdoor play

1. Create a Prepared Environment in Your Home

- Set up your home to fit the needs of your child
- Make time
- Independence

To assist a child, we must provide him with an environment which will enable him to develop freely.

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Exploring the kids' baking drawer (2 years old)

- Baking tools safe for small hands



toddler/preschooler dresser

- Small drawers for clothing items
- Mirror at their eye level

Things we do in the classroom:

Neutral decor

Art at children's eye level

Small amount of items, rotated frequently

Real objects/photos of objects

Fits the child's hand

Furniture fits the child

Bring the activity to their level



Dishwashing (4 years old)

- Dish bins
- Low table
- Towels available!



Preparing food (3 years old)

- Carrots
- Bowl of water

2. Follow your child's interests

Care tasks in the home and yard

In nature

Through play or games

Art and self expression





Retrieving his lunch from the microwave (3 years old)

- Oven mitts



Building shelves (13 years old)



Interested in helping with the big flooring project (5 years old)

- Safety glasses
- Safe scraping putty knife



Love of drawing (3 & 5 years old)

- Flat cardboard box
- crayons/pastels

3. Promote Order and Routine

- Morning and evening routines for the child and family
- The Power of Language
 - Tell the story of what to expect
 - Keeping your older kids “in the loop”



4. Model respect, grace and courtesy

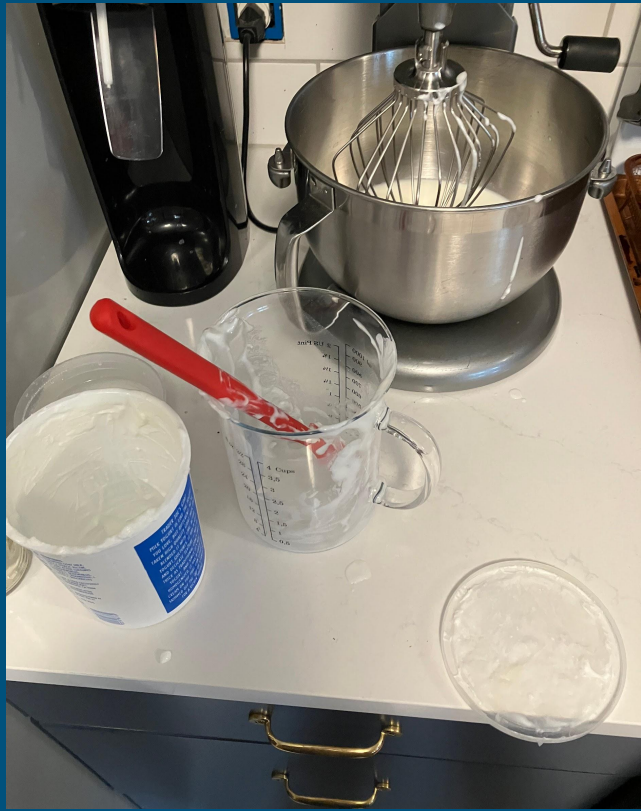
The Pause - before interrupting, jumping in to help or comment.

Making mistakes is learning

Include your child when talking about them

Simply Be with your child - a warm presence





Interested in making waffles independently (13 years old)

- Provide/show all necessary materials
- Give space for making mistakes

The great benefit we can bestow
on childhood is the exercise of
restraint of ourselves

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5. Nurture outdoor play

What do *you* like to do outside? How can you include your child?





Remember that Montessori is a flexible and adaptable approach!

- Seeing your child for who they are
- Meeting their unique developmental needs
- Create an environment to supports your child's natural curiosity, development and interests

Read up on Montessori Philosophy

[The Absorbent Mind](#)

[Montessori Speaks to Parents](#)

[From Childhood to Adolescence](#)

[Montessori Today](#)

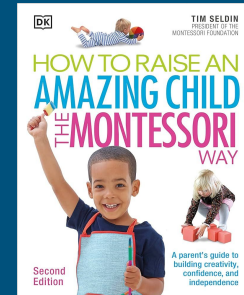
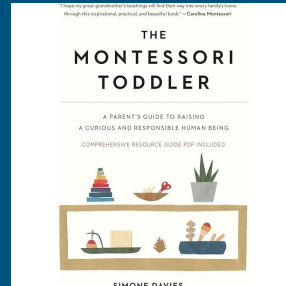
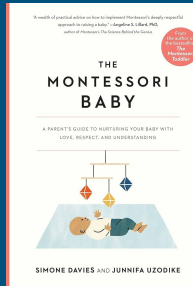
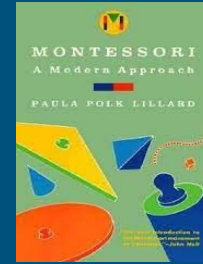
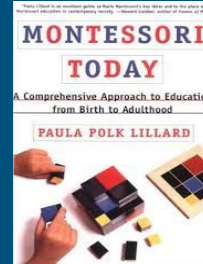
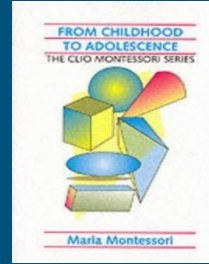
[Montessori: A Modern Approach](#)

[The Montessori Baby](#)

[The Montessori Toddler](#)

[The Montessori Home](#)

[How to Raise An Amazing Child the Montessori Way, 2nd Ed.](#)



...you know, because you have so much spare time on your hands as busy parents...

Just come to these events and get the good stuff ;)