

# Magda Gerber Quotes

*Children, Baby, Play, Giving, Attitude, Goal, World, Infant, Enjoy, Teaching,  
Sleep, Moving, Needs, Fall, Way, Body, Security, Care, Heart, Mistake*

We not only respect babies, we demonstrate our respect every time we interact with them. Respecting a child means treating even the youngest infant as a unique human being, not as an object

~Magda Gerber

When you hold an infant, hold him not just with your body, but with your mind and heart.

~Magda Gerber

Let the child be the scriptwriter, the director and the actor in his own play.

~Magda Gerber

An infant always learns. The less we interfere with the natural process of learning, the more we can observe how much infants learn all the time.

~Magda Gerber

What infants need is the opportunity and time to take in and figure out the world around them.

~Magda Gerber

Do less; observe more; enjoy most.

~Magda Gerber

If infants are ready to do something, they will do it. In fact, when they are ready, they have to do it.

~Magda Gerber

Allow the child to be authentic, to move, to feel the way they move, appreciating them for what they are.

~Magda Gerber

Sadness, discomfort, frustration -- they are all valid human emotions.

Why would we want to suppress them?

~Magda Gerber

Remember, nobody can make another person fall asleep. How to relax and let sleep come is a skill your child, like everybody else, must learn all by herself.

~Magda Gerber

Infancy is a vulnerable stage of development, therefore, it's not enough that babies receive good care, the care must be excellent.

~Magda Gerber

Much harm has been done in the name of love, but no harm can be done in the name of respect.

~Magda Gerber

All children accomplish milestones in their own way, in their own time.

~Magda Gerber

Children raised with respect and inner direction tend to play well in groups, at times quite peacefully, each involved in her own project or involved with the other children.

~Magda Gerber

Wouldn't life be easier for both parents and infants if parents would observe, relax and enjoy what their child is doing, rather than keep teaching what the child is not yet capable of?

~Magda Gerber

Focus on quality and ease of movement, not on the age a milestone is accomplished.

~Magda Gerber

The way we care for our babies is how they experience our love.

~Magda Gerber

Children do not play because they learn; They play because they play.

~Magda Gerber

We all need someone who understands.

~Magda Gerber

The more we do, the busier we are, the less we really pay attention.

~Magda Gerber

Observe more, do less. Do less, enjoy more.

~Magda Gerber

Set aside predictable, regular times to give full attention without being distracted by other concerns while also creating a safe, familiar place for baby to spend time playing alone.

~Magda Gerber

A positive goal to strive for when disciplining would be to raise children we not only love, but in whose company we love being.

~Magda Gerber

Educators demonstrate love by showing and teaching respect.

~Magda Gerber

Predictability brings about security.

~Magda Gerber

Having Respect for the world is when you allow people to be what they are.

~Magda Gerber

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