

Maria Montessori

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The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.

~Maria Montessori

Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them, they will want to do it themselves.

~Maria Montessori

The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life.

~Maria Montessori

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

~Maria Montessori

The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six.

~Maria Montessori

Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child.

~Maria Montessori

We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.

~Maria Montessori

The greatest sign of success for a teacher...is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

~Maria Montessori

Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.

~Maria Montessori

Our aim is not merely to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his innermost core.

~Maria Montessori

The senses, being the explorers of the world, open the way to knowledge.

~Maria Montessori

Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.

~Maria Montessori

What the hand does the mind remembers.

~Maria Montessori

Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future.

~Maria Montessori

The child has a mind able to absorb knowledge. He has the power to teach himself.

~Maria Montessori

When children come into contact with nature, they reveal their strength.

~Maria Montessori

We are the sowers - our children are those who reap. We labor so that future generations will be better and nobler than we are.

~Maria Montessori

Play is the work of the child.

~Maria Montessori

The first essential for the child's development is concentration. The child who concentrates is immensely happy.

~Maria Montessori

The child is truly a miraculous being, and this should be felt deeply by the educator.

~Maria Montessori

Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.

~Maria Montessori

Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to open up himself to life.

~Maria Montessori

What we need is a world full of miracles, like the miracle of seeing the young child seeking work and independence, and manifesting a wealth of enthusiasm and love.

~Maria Montessori

As soon as children find something that interests them they lose their instability and learn to concentrate.

~Maria Montessori

One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.

~Maria Montessori

The first aim of the prepared environment is, as far as it is possible, to render the growing child independent of the adult.

~Maria Montessori

The whole of mankind is one and only one, one race, one class and one society.

~Maria Montessori

Growth comes from activity, not from intellectual understanding.

~Maria Montessori

He does it with his hands, by experience, first in play and then through work. The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence.

~Maria Montessori

The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth.

~Maria Montessori

Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.

~Maria Montessori

The secret of good teaching is to regard the child's intelligence as a fertile field in which seeds may be sown, to grow under the heat of flaming imagination.

~Maria Montessori

We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit.

~Maria Montessori

The child, making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future.

~Maria Montessori

Only through freedom and environmental experience is it practically possible for human development to occur.

~Maria Montessori

The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.

~Maria Montessori

Joy is the evidence of inner growth.

~Maria Montessori

Teach by teaching, not by correcting

~Maria Montessori

The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences.

~Maria Montessori

Education should no longer be most imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities.

~Maria Montessori

These words reveal the child's inner needs; "Help me to do it alone".

~Maria Montessori

The only language men ever speak perfectly is the one they learn in babyhood, when no one can teach them anything!

~Maria Montessori

Whatever is presented to him must be made beautiful and clear, striking his imagination. Once this love has been kindled, all problems confronting the educationist will disappear.

~Maria Montessori

Of all things love is the most potent.

~Maria Montessori

It is not enough for the teacher to love the child. She must first love and understand the universe. She must prepare herself, and truly work at it.

~Maria Montessori

I have studied the child. I have taken what the child has given me and expressed it and that is what is called the Montessori method.

~Maria Montessori

To teach details is to bring confusion; to establish the relationship between things is to bring knowledge.

~Maria Montessori

Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them.

~Maria Montessori

Only when the child is able to identify its own center with the center of the universe does education really begin.

~Maria Montessori

A child is a discoverer. He is an amorphous, splendid being in search of his own proper form.

~Maria Montessori

Every great cause is born from repeated failures and from imperfect achievements.

~Maria Montessori

The first duty of the educator, whether he is involved with the newborn infant or the older child, is to recognize the human personality of the young being and respect it.

~Maria Montessori

The child can only develop fully by means of experience in his environment. We call such experience 'work'.

~Maria Montessori

The adult works to improve his environment while the child works to improve himself.

~Maria Montessori

It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to teach child the chance to fulfil his potential possibilities.

~Maria Montessori

Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create.

~Maria Montessori

Childhood constitutes the most important element in an adult's life, for it is in his early years that a man is made.

~Maria Montessori

First the education of the senses, then the education of the intellect.

~Maria Montessori

This is the treasure we need today - helping the child become independent of us and make his way by himself, receiving in return his gifts of hope and light.

~Maria Montessori

A child needs freedom within limits.

~Maria Montessori

The more the capacity to concentrate is developed, the more often the profound tranquility in work is achieved, then the clearer will be the manifestation of discipline within the child.

~Maria Montessori

There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature.

~Maria Montessori

Preventing war is the work of politicians, establishing peace is the work of educationists.

~Maria Montessori

Children become like the things they love.

~Maria Montessori

Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence.

~Maria Montessori

A child's work is to create the person she/he will become.

~Maria Montessori

The unknown energy that can help humanity is that which lies hidden in the child.

~Maria Montessori

A child's character develops in accordance with the obstacles he has encountered... or the freedom favoring his development that he has enjoyed.

~Maria Montessori

Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation.

~Maria Montessori

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

~Maria Montessori

We must support as much as possible the child's desires for activity; not wait on him, but educate him to be independent.

~Maria Montessori

Social grace, inner discipline and joy. These are the birthright of the human being who has been allowed to develop essential human qualities.

~Maria Montessori

A child is mysterious and powerful; And contains within himself the secret of human nature.

~Maria Montessori

There is in the child a special kind of sensitivity which leads him to absorb everything about him, and it is this work of observing and absorbing that alone enables him to adapt himself to life

~Maria Montessori

Giving children the opportunity to stir up life and leave it free to discover.

~Maria Montessori

No social problem is as universal as the oppression of the child

~Maria Montessori

The needs of mankind are universal. Our means of meeting them create the richness and diversity of the planet. The Montessori child should come to relish the texture of that diversity.

~Maria Montessori

The child is an enigma. He has the highest potentialities, but we do not know what he will be.

~Maria Montessori

The role of education is to interest the child profoundly in an external activity to which he will give all his potential

~Maria Montessori

Let us treat them [children], therefore, with all the kindness which we would wish to help to develop in them.

~Maria Montessori

All our handling of the child will bear fruit, not only at the moment, but in the adult they are destined to become.

~Maria Montessori

Within the child lies the fate of the future.

~Maria Montessori

Bring the child to the consciousness of his own dignity, and he will be free. We see no limit to what should be offered to the child, for his will be an immense field of chosen activity.

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Little children, from the moment in which they are weaned, are making their way toward independence.

~Maria Montessori

It is the child who makes the man, and no man exists who was not made by the child he once was.

~Maria Montessori

The child should live in an environment of beauty.

~Maria Montessori

To stimulate life, leaving it then free to develop, to unfold, herein lies the first task of the teacher.

~Maria Montessori

Sometimes very small children in a proper environment develop a skill and exactness in their work that can only surprise us.

~Maria Montessori

We must clearly understand that when we give the child freedom and independence, we are giving freedom to a worker already braced for action, who cannot live without working and being active.

~Maria Montessori

The child's progress does not depend only on his age, but also on being free to look around him.

~Maria Montessori

When dealing with children there is greater need for observing than of probing

~Maria Montessori

The child builds his inmost self out of the deeply held impressions he receives.

~Maria Montessori

There is no description, no image in any book that is capable of replacing the sight of real trees, and all of the life to be found around them in a real forest.

~Maria Montessori

A man is not what he is because of the teachers he has had, but

because of what he has done

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The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence.

~Maria Montessori

The development of the individual can be described as a succession of new births at consecutively higher levels.

~Maria Montessori

We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry.

~Maria Montessori

Growth is not merely a harmonious increase in size, but a transformation.

~Maria Montessori

To let the child do as he likes when he has not yet developed any powers of control is to betray the idea of freedom.

~Maria Montessori

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