

A Parent Guide: Is Montessori Right for Your Child? 6 Key Aspects of Montessori to Help You Decide



Are you curious about Montessori, but wonder if it is right for your child? Please read the following 6 key aspects of Montessori, putting a check by each one that you think would be a great fit for your child.

Here is a list of the six main aspects of a good Montessori program. If you can imagine your child flourishing in an environment like the one we describe below, then Montessori might be the right fit for your child!

1. Interest and Choice

Children learn best when they are allowed to pursue their interests. In Montessori, children are given the opportunity to choose what they are interested in learning. And, because the Montessori classroom is prepared with beautiful, hands-on learning materials that are designed to intrigue and ignite children's natural curiosity, Montessori foments children's interests and desire to learn.



2. Individualized Learning

Recognizing that children the same age are not all interested in and ready to learn the same things at the same time, Montessori is designed to fit each child personally. Each child has a unique timetable for development and will learn different parts of the curriculum when ready. Montessori teachers carefully observe each child in order to give the lesson that matches what that child is interested in and ready to learn.

3. Independence

The more a child can do independently, the more confident and capable that little person will be. The elements of a Montessori classroom are child-sized -- from the furniture to the learning materials and the drinking glasses -- Montessori classrooms are designed to facilitate children's independence, fostering their development of self-confidence.

4. Mixed Ages

In Montessori, children are grouped in multi-year ages, so that children under 3 years old are in the same class and children 3-6 years old are in the same class. Younger children learn by observing the older children. They are inspired not only to do the more advanced academic work that they see the older children doing, but also to become more independent like the older children: able to button their own seaters and wash their own dishes, for example. Older children build self-confidence, leadership skills and responsibility by serving as models, helpers and teachers to the younger children.

5. Whole-Child Approach

Montessori is a holistic approach to educating the child, focusing not just on academics but also on social-emotional learning. The Montessori approach guides children in the development of cooperative social skills, self-control, conflict-resolution, problem-solving and more.

6. Joy and a Love for Learning

When children are able to follow their interests, learning is joyful. Children's natural love of learning is cultivated in the Montessori classroom because the children are excited, challenged and engaged - everyday.

How many checks did you put? ✓ If you checked more than 3, you may be Interested in learning more.



May we recommend these three resources?

[Montessori en Línea](#) - join the MeL Facebook Group to stay connected and engaged in Montessori (en Español)

[Montessori Education](#) - Learn more about Montessori in the classroom and at home on this site by one of our favorite Montessorians, Jesse McCarthy, who is an author, blogger, podcaster and Acton Academy advisor.

[Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius](#) - This book by University of Virginia professor of psychology Angeline Lillard presents the research behind nine elements of Montessori education, including the importance of interest and choice in learning. You can find other research on Montessori on Lillard's website, [Montessori-Science.org](#).

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