

3 Simple Steps to a Montessori Home



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A CHILD-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

- Arrange toys and games in a spot accessible to the child to encourage independent play. Rotate toys every few weeks to help keep curiosity high.
- On a low shelf, place a small pitcher of water and child-friendly cups so the child can help themselves to a drink of water. Keep a sponge nearby so that your child can clean up any drips!
- Hang beautiful artwork at eye level in the child's spaces.



2

INVOLVE YOUR CHILD IN PRACTICAL LIFE

- Give your child age-appropriate responsibilities around the home such as feeding a pet, watering plants, filling bird feeders, or sweeping the floor.
- Teach your child how to wipe crumbs off the table.
- Engage your child in age-appropriate cooking tasks: peeling, cutting, stirring.



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

Maria Montessori



3

ENCOURAGE CONCENTRATION AND FOSTER INTRINSIC MOTIVATION

- Give the child space and time to explore his/her interests. Is your child interested in animals? Place a basket of animal figurines on a low shelf alongside several books with images and facts about the animals.
- Focus on the hard work the child does throughout the process of learning. Instead of “you’re so smart!” try “you worked really hard on this; I saw you hit a hard part but you kept trying!”