

MONTESSORI PARENTS NEED TO REMEMBER

-that they are the primary educators of their children throughout the elementary years.
-the best way to bring about change in children is to change themselves.
-the greatest gifts they will give their children are the gifts of time and patience.
-Montessori materials are materials of development, not teaching materials. Materials allow children to work through the learning process and arrive at their own conclusions.
-creativity and exploration are a part of real learning, children's coming to their own conclusions. It's likely to take "extra" time.
-in a Montessori classroom a rule or a formula is a point of arrival, not a point of departure.
-children are drawn to learning--parents and educators can be enablers or obstacles in the learning process.
-Maria Montessori compares a child's development to a seed. Parents can prepare the soil, water it and make sure it is in the sunlight, but only in its own time will the seed become a tree. Relax and enjoy your child for who he/she is now.