

MONTESSORI PRINCIPLES IN PARENTING

◇ **Respect**

Both people and property have value. We choose to value people by treating them with care and gentleness. Kind words and patience teach your child to trust your instructions. Choosing to care for property in a manner that preserves its value sends a consistent message of respect to your child.

◇ **A Prepared Environment**

Preparing the home environment allows us to show respect for your child and her property. Attention to child sized furnishings and easy to wear clothing help your child to be as independent as possible, while ensuring success in their endeavors.

◇ **Independence**

The skills of independence are acquired through persistent effort and patience. Your child can do much for herself if we are able to allow it. Include her in the tasks of daily life; putting plates on the table, folding towels or getting dressed. Small accomplishments encourage the child to tackle ever larger tasks. We must believe our children are capable before they can believe it themselves.

◇ **Success**

Success is vital to your child's willingness to stretch and grow. It keeps him reaching out for new challenges and teaches him to believe in himself. When you trust your child for even the smallest task, your child begins to trust himself.