

The Montessori Way
Foundations
WORKSHOP™

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This worksheet will be your notes, your planner
and your map to smooth, successful Montessori days.

"No social problem is as universal as the oppression of the child. The Montessori Method liberates the child instead of trapping them into a teacher-centered classroom." ~ Maria Montessori

The 4 Pillars of the Montessori philosophy:

Pillar 1: _____

Pillar 2: _____

Pillar 3: _____

Pillar 4: _____

The Montessori Way Foundations Framework builds on _____ premises:

- _____ (that's you!)

- _____

- _____

*"When you have these three _____ elements. _____ ,
_____ and _____. you can be assured that you and the children
you serve will be much more _____ , _____ and _____ "*

~Tanya Wright

5 Truths about Pillar #1:

1 The Montessori Method begins with _____ .

2 Children develop _____ - _____ , _____ and _____ .

3. We want _____ , _____ , _____ and _____ adults.

How do we begin developing these skills? When they are _____ , of course!

4 The most important point about _____ is actually learning how to _____ .

5 What we really want is for our wonderful children to grow up being _____
and to find _____ in discovering the answers to their own questions.

KEY RECAPS FROM DAY 1: As we find the _____ between _____ their _____ and _____ their _____, we keep the reasoning behind the Montessori way which is a _____.

The Montessori Prepared Environment

The Montessori Method relies mostly on the realization that every child is a _____ and that every child is _____ of a lot more than what _____ thinks that they're capable of. It is also important to understand that the Montessori method instills rare _____ and _____ in a child as well as _____. The Montessori environment is _____ for learning _____. It is full of educational _____ that will _____ a child's education.

4 Things Needed for a Montessori Prepared Environment

1 Groups _____

The Montessori classroom is actually created as a _____. Because children's work is _____, they can all work at their own _____ and at their own _____ even though there are children of _____ in the room.

2 Attuned to _____

The Montessori Method is brilliant in terms of child success (_____, _____, _____, etc) are:

- the Montessori _____ in which children learn _____
- that it is actually _____ and the adult is _____
- and that there is a higher rate of child _____ and _____

3 Focused on _____

The Montessori Sensorial subject connects _____. They become more in-tune to _____ and become more aware of their _____. The Montessori _____ subject is the _____ to be introduced to children in the Montessori way of learning.

4 Supports _____

Newer methods of education lack the ability to _____ that it works. The Montessori Method is over 100 years old and stands _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ to successfully bring up _____.

KEY RECAPS FROM DAY 2: Children thrive in _____, to _____ and to _____.

Behaviors of Normalized Children

A "_____" child is a child that is _____ and _____ to the Montessori environment. _____
Montessori is so great about the _____ of its _____.
Children _____ in the Montessori _____ of its _____ activities.
They are the right path to _____, _____ and _____ because the _____ have been mastered.

8 Signs of Normalized Children:

Maria Montessori observed children and determined that there are some _____ that a child is _____.

1. _____ : where children can be _____ in _____ for hours at a time if they are interested in the work that _____.
2. _____ : where children find _____ in doing an activity _____ without _____ of it.
3. _____ : where children _____ so much _____ they are doing that they're _____ to be done with school.
4. _____ : where children find _____ over _____ (positive or negative).
5. _____ : where children find _____ in a _____, _____ (this includes setup and cleanup).
6. _____ : where children begin to take on the _____ and the Montessori _____ (_____) has to _____.
7. _____ : where children finish the _____ and seamlessly move into the _____, not only letter formation, but writing of _____, _____ and _____.
8. _____ : where children go _____ in listening to stories and begin to _____ in books and start attempting to _____ and _____.

KEY TAKEAWAY: The Montessori philosophy is fantastic in the concept of _____ and _____ to foster _____ and _____ in children.

KEY TAKEAWAY ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Why do you think that it will save you and the children you serve so much grief and frustration in the future if you choose to focus on normalization first?

[illegible]

ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Out of the 8 tell-tale signs of a normalized child in the Montessori environment, which ones spoke to you the most and why?

[illegible]

KEY RECAPS FROM DAY 3: Pretty much all of the _____ are _____ in nature.

Your Job as the Montessori Guide

There are _____ types of _____ out there. You will decide if you will be a Montessori " _____ , " _____ or _____ .

Each Montessori Guide type goes from the _____ to the most _____. Most of us fall right around the middle.

4 Decisions you need to make

Montessori Guide Type

- 1 Puritan: _____
- 2 Montessori-inspired: _____
- 3 Montessori-friendly: _____

Montessori Materials

- 1 Puritan: _____
- 2 Montessori-inspired: _____
- 3 Montessori-friendly: _____

Sensitive Periods

- 1 Puritan: _____
- 2 Montessori-inspired: _____
- 3 Montessori-friendly: _____

Montessori Lifestyle

- 1 Puritan: _____
- 2 Montessori-inspired: _____
- 3 Montessori-friendly: _____

Responsibilities of the Montessori Guide

1. _____ . In a _____ philosophy, the Montessori Guide _____ , not the child.
2. _____ ... their _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ and so on. By observing the child, we will gain so much _____.
3. _____ and _____. The child is _____ to _____ about their _____ and not _____ what we _____ or _____ they need to learn.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Our main goal is to _____ the _____ that is _____ to _____. Our secondary goal is to _____ the _____.

KEY TAKEAWAY ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Why do you think that it is important to "get out of the way" when it comes to being a Montessori Guide?

ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Which type of Montessori Guide do you think you fall under and why? Give specific examples.

KEY RECAPS FROM DAY 4: Our natural tendency as adults is to _____, _____, _____. Our third goal is to _____ and _____.

The Montessori Philosophy

1 The Montessori Method's premises are mainly _____ , _____ ,
along with _____ and _____ in the child.

2 The Montessori Method children into (, etc).

3 It is a great method for _____ and _____ children because of the range of _____ in the Montessori works.

The Montessori Environment

1 The environment is _____, not the _____.

2 The materials are set on _____ and most materials are made out of _____, _____ or _____.

3 It is a _____, _____ learning style that focuses a lot on _____ and _____ activities.

This creates _____, _____ as a beautiful

The Normalized Child

1 Has the _____ to _____ for maximized learning because _____ is the _____.

This creates the beautiful _____ of a _____, _____ child.

2 Is able to _____ at their own _____ because they enjoy a _____ stay in their _____.

3 Will grow a _____ for _____ because that is when great _____
and _____ can take place.

The Montessori Guide

1 The Montessori Method is not at all an

2 The Montessori Guide has _____ (discussed on Day 4) that builds in you a _____ as a beautiful _____.

3 Children are closely _____ to determine their "_____."
These _____ determine how the _____ will be _____.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Philosophy: You understand the _____ about how The Montessori Way lays the _____ for better _____ because of its many _____.
 - The Environment: You create a _____ of what the Montessori environment can look like in your _____ and how to make it _____.
 - The Child: You _____ the sacred _____ that a child is a _____, with _____ and _____.
- And when these are followed, the _____ of _____ is limitless.
- The Guide: You _____ the child's _____, not by _____ and _____, but by _____ and _____ the child.

KEY TAKEAWAY ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Why do you think that it is important to always focus on the 4 parts of today's lesson?

ACTION ASSIGNMENT: Write down the limiting beliefs you have that slow you down or stop you from moving forward in the Montessori way and why you entertain them.
