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**Benefits of Montessori (Part 2)**

**Some of the many reasons why Montessori is right for your child and why you should keep him/her in a Montessori classroom for the Kindergarten year.**

**Your child will achieve independence:**

Montessori understands that at the heart of every child is a healthy drive toward independence. Independence is important because it is directly related to high self esteem, competence and cooperation. Therefore, every aspect of the Montessori classroom has been designed with the goal of an independent child in mind. Every feature and piece of equipment in the classroom is fully accessible to the child, so they don't have to constantly ask for help getting things. Tools, like the broom, are of a size they can handle easily, and children are free to choose their own work. The Montessori teacher is trained to encourage independence by allowing the child to do things for themselves as soon as they are capable. For example, if they are learning to tie their shoes, the teacher will ensure that they are not rushed or interfered with.

**A Montessori classroom is a place where children learn order:** This provides the sense of security and comfort they need to become self-directed. Order

helps children become independent because they can always find the work materials without help. By being taught to maintain this order, your child will be learning awareness for others and the fact that they have to take care of the things that are shared – which is the basis of cooperation. The order of a Montessori classroom is also present in the routines that exist. The children enter the classroom (which has been set up so that everything is meticulously in its place), hang up their coats, put on their smocks and slippers, greet the teacher and get to work. Every aspect of the routine has been patiently presented to them. There is also order within the materials themselves: every tray or piece of material on a shelf is always in its proper place and ready to be used. While at work, disruptions are kept to a minimum, so children can focus on the task at hand. All of this is why anyone observing a Montessori classroom sees a well-ordered, calm and functional environment that is perfectly set up for learning. The classroom and the materials are designed and displayed in a way that helps your child learn how to cooperate with others as well as the use of the materials. The social goals of helping children learn how to get along with each other, respect each other and cooperate are an important component of the Montessori approach. To be continued....

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Welcome to the Board

Please join me in welcoming Miguel Lovato, Luci's Dad, as a Parent Representative to our Board of Directors. We thank him for all his help with numerous projects and look forward to continuing to work with him.

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December 2015

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- 3 Parent Education – Potty Training
- 10 Parent Education - Benefits of Third Year Montessori
- 18 Winter Festival
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