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It was wonderful to see such a good turnout at the Back to School Night. Your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn about the Montessori method was refreshing and heartening. You are the bridge between what your child will learn at Montessori and what your child can learn at home. As a Montessori parent, it will not take you long to learn that every moment can become an exciting learning experience. Together we serve our children best and watch them flourish as we meet their needs and follow their interests. For those of you who could not make it, here are some concrete ways you can reinforce the experience for your child by using Montessori principles at home.

**Encourage Independence**

"You can help him to take care of his own body; learn the joys of an orderly life, and learn to be a contributor to the family. By doing this, you engender a confident feeling of "I can do it myself!"

To encourage independence, always let your child do things for him or herself whenever he or she shows an interest. If your child wants to help you cook, take the time to show him how to beat the eggs or tear the lettuce. Explain the reason for the process. It is always important when showing a task to explain what the end

result will be. Then enjoy the wonderful experience of working with your child at a common task.

Of course, letting young children do things for themselves – making their own breakfast, putting their clothes on -- always takes more time and may be difficult in busy families. The payoff is that they learn self-reliance and self-confidence, just as they do in a Montessori school.

**Establish Order**

The order of a Montessori classroom can be echoed at home. Establishing order in the home helps children become more independent. An orderly environment helps children concentrate and focus on the tasks at hand. Contrary to what you may think as you gaze about the house, children actually have a natural affinity for order. The child only needs to be guided in that direction.

Take the time to set up the different rooms in the house so that everything your child needs is organized and within reach. This is an imperative, because it makes everything so much easier for her to do things for herself. And when she does, her confidence and sense of accomplishment will blossom as much as her sense of order.

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**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Please sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences when you come to either pick up or drop off your child. We look forward to seeing you then!

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October 2015

- 9 Picture Day
- 15 Seminar on Early Intervention
- 22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
- 30 Fall Festival

**Seminar on Early Intervention**

Please join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am for a seminar on the benefits of early intervention. Jennifer Farrow from Child Find and Beth Scully from Rocky Mountain Human Services will be at MCI. They will keep their talk to only 20 minutes so you can leave right after or linger on to ask questions. Please join us.