



MONTESSORI CASA INTERNATIONAL
PRESCHOOL

Inspiring a passion for learning

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TUMBLR

VOLUME 65

Directly from

Punum's Desk...

Montessori and character development

"My vision of the future is no longer people taking exams and proceeding then on that certification . . . but of individuals passing from one stage of independence to a higher [one], by means of their own activity through their own effort of will, which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual."

Maria Montessori

Montessori education is a flow experience: it builds on the continuing self-construction of the child. This happens daily, weekly, yearly – for the duration of the program.

At Montessori Casa International, it is our aim to build the character of the child and in these formative, critical years we concentrate on developing **autonomy, self-control and concentration**. I believe that this development will create strong individuals that will be motivated to learn and live to their potential.

In order to do this we give them a fine blend of freedom and responsibility. Dr. Montessori recognized the child's task of constructing a man and this made her significantly aware of the importance of educating the intellect and training the will. She spoke of

"liberty in the prepared environment". In her concept of liberty, however, she did not mean license but one that carries along with it responsibility. She believed that the child cannot learn to be responsible unless he has freedom to exercise it and he cannot be truly free until he can learn to be responsible.

This training to understand freedom as a privilege and responsibility has to be governed by reason and begins at a very young age. In our classrooms, children are taught to care for the environment and the objects within it; care for the self so that s/he can be a valuable member of society; care for other people and their needs so that one knows how to behave in society. These exercises are all carried out within the freedom of the prepared environment.

The importance of freedom with responsibility in our world today is as immense as it was 100 years ago. It is our job to prepare the child by giving him/her the freedom to make the right choices and decisions. The prepared adult has the knowledge of human development and believes in education as an aid to life. Responsibility is a process and has to be attained by experiences within the environment. This earns us freedom – no one gives it to us but it comes from within.

Montessori Casa International

International Family Night

Our room moms will soon be sending you an evite regarding International Family Night. We look forward to hearing about your country and tasting your food.

Montessori Casa International

November 2017

- 1 Day of the Dead
- 8 Parent Education Morning
- 16 International Family Night
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

Parent Education Morning

Wednesday, November 8th

8:15am - 8:45am

Chinese Curriculum

Please join Anna for an understanding of the MCI Chinese curriculum. Anna will discuss what are our objectives and how we meet them and will then go into a question and answer session.