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*The
Montessori
School
Academy*

**THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL
MAKEOVER**

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AN ONLINE PROGRAM

Resource Book 4 - The Environment

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Montessori Environment

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An overview-This is a brief introduction to the features of the Montessori Environment: The Montessori Environment has some special features which you should take note of.

Worthy of note

♥ THE MONTESSORI ENVIRONMENT IS A VERY IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE METHOD

The Montessori Environment is unique and designed with the child's needs as the salient point in all you find in the setting. It is very different from the traditional setting.

Remember that the child is the focal point and once you do you will not go wrong in designing a beautiful and child-centered learning space .

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The Montessori Environment has a physical, psychological and social aspect to it, all three are important.

The environment is where we nurture the child and therefore it should be ideally prepared for the task at hand.

This is why we call the Montessori setting a prepared environment. If it is not truly prepared to meet the needs of the children then the Montessori method is lost and it will no longer be a Montessori classroom.

The Physical will take care of the structures, furniture, design and materials.

The Psychological refers to the atmosphere which is very important, if there is stress, anger, fear, all these make the classroom a prison and not a Montessori environment fit for the child

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The Social Environment is where we deal with relationships and social norms and values. This is very important in the Montessori setting.

When you put these together you get a thriving Montessori Prepared Environment that can help nurture the child and bring out their best. The goal is for the child to reach his fullest potential, we need the Prepared Environment to get this result.

I would like to add a note here about the Montessori Environment, it is beautiful but not overbearing in design and colour.

A lot of times we have this erroneous idea as adults that the colourful heavily designed and filled walls we see in our classrooms today is what children need and love and that these will enable them to learn. Wrong

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With beauty comes order and simplicity in the Montessori setting. Try it. If you must post instructional materials make it minimal and not over the top. Hang a picture and decorate with that instead. Bring plants into the classroom if you can. Provide lots of space so that there is room for moving about. Make sure that everything is within the reach of the children!

What you will get at the end of the day will gladden your heart..

Another important aspect is the Montessori Teacher who must constantly prepare the environment for the child. Please ensure that your teachers do this.

If they don't then the children cannot learn what they should be learning. This is so important about the Language Development and Mathematics

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♥ NOTES CONTINUED

Subject Areas. Please change the materials they work on constantly so they get a wide scope of practice. If you do not do this the children will become bored and they will quickly go back to just working on Practical Life and Sensorial Education!

Preparing the environment for Social and Psychological success would entail a lot of preparation and time on the teachers part as she needs to get to know the children and should make an effort to prepare herself in every way to meet the demands of being a good role model for the children. She must also teach the child through several Grace and Cutesy lessons how to behave. Once this is in place you will truly be amazed at the difference this will make.

Montessori Philosophy

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Google Montessori classrooms and Montessori Prepared Environments Look at the images and be inspired.



THE END

Assignment 5

What changes can you make to start building a great Montessori Environment in your school/classroom?.

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