

# 10 Characteristics of Children in the Montessori Classroom



Are you thinking about a Montessori Education for your child? We are pleased that you are interested in sending your child to North Star Montessori Academy. In order to ensure that you are making the best possible choice for your child we encourage you to visit our school, observe a Montessori classroom, and review the following characteristics of children that typically find success in the Montessori environment.

## **Respectful**

- A Montessori classroom is based on respect. Teachers respect children for the person that he/she is. Children must respect each other, as well as the teacher.

## **Responsible**

- Montessori students are shown to take responsibility for his/her own learning. There are certain requirements set forth by the teachers. Students must learn to manage his/her time to meet work goals.

## **Self-Disciplined**

- This is accomplished through freedom of choice. Students must be able to control themselves, by themselves.

## **Independent**

- In order to become independent children must be free to make choices, make mistakes, learn from mistakes, and self-correct work. Teachers help guide students to become independent.

## **Creative/Inventive**

- Maria Montessori believed that everything a child does is creative. Children should use this creativity to explore the world around them, problem solve, and study creative projects based on student interest and desire.

## **Self-Motivated**

- Children often are more motivated when they have choice. This however, does not mean that they can do whatever they please. The Montessori environment is designed to help spark a love of learning in students.

## **Organized**

- Montessori children begin to understand time-management at a younger age than most. Montessori classrooms and lessons stress the importance of remaining organized.

## **Global Thinker**

- Montessori students study all aspects of the world in which we live. They receive a complete overview of the chronological development of our Earth, as well as the development of species.

## **Collaborator**

- Montessori students work cooperatively and collaboratively on many tasks. This allows them to learn to work together, as well as learn from each other.

## **Leader**

- Students help each other, work together, and develop strong leadership skills by working as a community in the classroom.

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