

## Montessori at Home

Dr. Montessori believed in certain principles of working with children, which remain the basis of how we interact with students at AIMS.

- Each child matures and develops at their own rate. One's individual growth comes in waves and can be seen in different ways over time. Respect the pace of each child and celebrate their successes without comparison to others.
- Encourage children while they take small steps toward independence, yet refrain from pushing them beyond their ability, as it may cause discouragement.
- Model appropriate steps in a task yet allow them to make mistakes. Self-correction develops resourcefulness and is the key to problem solving.
- Provide sensible, flexible rules and limits that your child can accept and easily follow. This consistency gives your child a sense of security in his/her environment and relationships.
- Balance the tasks that you may do and those that your child may do for his/her self. While it is realistic to still help a child, it is also important to show some expectations toward taking initiative and doing for ones' self.
- Demonstrate each activity to your child in a slow simple manner with as few words as possible and let him/her try the task. Give time to practice; let your child use real objects.
- Give children safe and reasonable boundaries in which to develop decision-making skills, as this builds self-trust.
- Remember your child is watching your every move and take every opportunity to model positive and healthy social skills.
- Offer your child interactive experiences. While they may show interest in TV, computer and other electronics, this is a critical time for your child to develop his personality and sense of self, and will benefit most from real life experiences and thought processes.

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