

*In order to educate the youngest children in the means of living responsibly within a community of others, Montessori developed the exercises of "grace and courtesy" (Lillard, 1996, p. 154)*

Our Grace and Courtesy lessons enable a child to develop practical life skills and manners. Examples of lessons are how to greet people, how to interrupt, how to handle sharp objects or serve another student. These lessons teach a child the appropriate social awareness and responsiveness to use in everyday life. Children want to learn how to successfully communicate with others and contribute to society in a meaningful way. Adults are the most important role models for children in the early years. It is important for our students to think and develop an understanding of the needs and rights of others.