

Here are 20 reasons
to keep your child
in Montessori for
the Kindergarten year



1. Kindergarten is not the start of schooling. By five, most Montessori children will begin to read, and many will be introduced to multiplication and division.

Your child has waited two long years to be one of the five-year-old leaders of her class.



Does your child love school and can't wait to go every day? If so, consider yourself fortunate. Why tinker with a winning school situation, when so many families are frustrated and disappointed?



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2. The third (or Kindergarten) year is the time when many of the earlier lessons come together and become a permanent part of the young child's understanding. An excellent example is the early introduction to addition with large numbers through the Bank Game. When children leave Montessori at age five, many of their still-forming concepts evaporate, just as a child living overseas will learn to speak two languages, but may quickly lose the second language if his family moves back home.



3. As a five-year-old, your child has many opportunities to teach the younger children lessons that he learned when he was their age. Research proves that this experience has powerful benefits for both tutor and tutored.

4. Your child already knows most of her classmates. She has grown up in a safe, supportive classroom setting. And having spent two years together, your child's teachers know her very, very well.

5. Five-years-olds have a real sense of running their classroom community.

6. Montessori children learn how to learn – and they learn to love learning!

7. In Montessori, your child can continue to progress at her own pace. In traditional kindergarten, she will have to wait while the other children begin to catch up.

8. If your child goes on to another school, he will spend the first half of the year just getting used to the new educational approach.

9. Your child has been treated with a deep respect as a unique individual. The school has been equally concerned for his intellectual, social, and emotional development.

10. Montessori schools are warm and supportive communities of students, teachers, and parents. Children can't easily slip through the cracks!

11. Montessori teaches children to be kind and peaceful.

12. Montessori is consciously designed to recognize and address different learning styles, helping students learn to study most effectively.

13. Montessori math is based on the European tradition of unified mathematics. Basic geometry is introduced at a young age.

14. Even in Kindergarten, Montessori children are studying cultural geography and beginning to grow into global citizens

15. Our goal is to develop students who really understand their schoolwork. Learning is not focused on rote drill and memorization. Students learn through hands-on experi-

ence, investigation, and research. They become actively engaged in their studies, rather than passively waiting to be spoon-fed.

16. We challenge and set high expectations for all our students, not only a special few. Students develop self-discipline and an internal sense of purpose and motivation.

17. The Montessori curriculum is carefully structured and integrated to demonstrate the connections among the different subject areas. Every class teaches critical thinking, composition, and research. History lessons link architecture, the arts, and science.

18. Students learn to care about others through community service.

19. Students in Montessori schools are not afraid of making mistakes because they have learned how to self-correct; they see them as natural steps in the learning process.

20. Students learn to collaborate and work together in learning and on major projects. They strive for their personal best, rather than compete against one another for the highest grade in their class.

