

Goals of Montessori Education

- Stimulate child's innate love of learning
- Provide a nurturing, cooperative learning environment
- Incorporate all the senses in the learning experience
- Consider the whole child
- Encourage respect for self, others, the environment, and all life

According to the AMS, the goals of Montessori education (in a nutshell) are:

- **To stimulate the child's innate love of learning**

Maria Montessori recognized the importance of being a life-long learner and a problem solver, so these ideas are central to her philosophy

- **To provide a nurturing, cooperative learning environment**

- Where children are free to learn through discovery
- By both self-teaching and teacher-initiated learning

- **To incorporate all the senses in the learning experience**

Maria Montessori recognized the role that the senses, manipulative materials, and social interaction play in the learning process, so they are integral parts in her philosophy

- **To consider the whole child**

"The physical, emotional, social, aesthetic, spiritual, and cognitive needs and interests are inseparable and equally important."¹

- **To encourage respect for self, others, the environment, and all life**

Montessori education seeks to foster responsible, well-adjusted citizens who care about and respect themselves and the world