



Little Steps Montessori School

Infants, Toddlers, Primary and Kindergarten

"Little Steps Towards the World"

Some Comparisons Of Day Care Or Child Care Centers using Traditional Education With Montessori Education

There are a number of differences inherent in a Montessori program when comparing to a traditional early childhood education experience. Some simple things include:

1. Mixed-age classrooms. Why? We're not bound by the curriculum in a classroom, children are **constantly challenged** and can **progress at their own pace**. Also young children have role models to look up to in the older children.
2. Montessori **certified** teachers
3. Special materials unique to the Montessori method which foster **critical thinking and problem solving skills**
4. A unique environment focused on a **peaceful, calm experience** for the child

Montessori children are unusually adaptable when compared to child attending regular daycare or childcare centers. They have learned to work independently and in groups and develop the skills necessary to effectively collaborate with all types of people. Since they've been encouraged to make decisions from an early age, these children are problem-solvers who can make appropriate choices and manage their time well as opposed to traditional structured day care programs where the teacher is continually "managing" the classroom or telling the child what to work on or correcting the child's work.

Step By Step Montessori's students are encouraged to freely exchange ideas and discuss their work with others. Their good communication skills ease the way in new settings. Research has shown the best predictor of future success includes a positive sense of self-esteem. Montessori programs, based on self-directed, non-competitive activities, help children develop strong self-images and the confidence to face challenges with optimism. Here is some [research](#) on the benefits of Montessori. Montessori's global influence and impact is felt throughout the world, it has been in practice for over 100 years, it's the largest pedagogy, or teaching method, in the world with over 22,000 Montessori schools in 120 countries.

Here are some frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) regarding our program.