

RECOMMENDED READING FOR MONTESSORI PARENTS

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- ❖ The Absorbent Mind, by Maria Montessori, trans. Claude A. Claremont.
- ❖ The Advanced Montessori Method, Vol. 1: Spontaneous Activity in Education, by Maria Montessori, trans. Florence Simmonds & Lily Hutchinson.
- ❖ The Advanced Montessori Method, Vol. 2: Materials for Educating Elementary School Children, by Maria Montessori, trans. Arthur Livingston.
- ❖ Basic Ideas of Montessori's Educational Theory: Extracts from Maria Montessori's Writings and Teachings, compiled by Paul Oswald and Günter Schulz-Benesch, trans. Lawrence Salmon.
- ❖ The California Lectures of Maria Montessori, 1915: Collected Speeches and Writings, ed. Robert G. Buckenmeyer.
- ❖ The Child in the Family, by Maria Montessori, trans. Nancy Rockmore Cirillo.
- ❖ The Child, Society and the World: Unpublished Speeches and Writings of Maria Montessori, trans. Caroline Juler & Heather Yesson.
- ❖ From Childhood to Adolescence, by Maria Montessori, based on the 1976 revised Schocken edition.
- ❖ The Discovery of the Child, by Maria Montessori, trans. M. Joseph Costelloe, S.J.
- ❖ To Educate the Human Potential, by Maria Montessori.
- ❖ Education for Human Development: Understanding Montessori, by Mario M. Montessori, Jr.
- ❖ Education for a New World, by Maria Montessori.
- ❖ Education and Peace, by Maria Montessori, trans. Helen R. Lane.
- ❖ The Formation of Man, by Maria Montessori, trans. A.M. Joosten.

Other books by Maria Montessori, and about Montessori education (including but not limited to the following), can be obtained online through the NAMTA Web site or through your local bookstore. Dates indicate the most recent edition:

- ❖ Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook, by Maria Montessori. 1988.
- ❖ Maria Montessori: A Biography, by Rita Kramer. 1988.
- ❖ Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work, by E.M. Standing. 1995.
- ❖ Michael Olaf's Essential Montessori: A Guide and Catalogue for Montessori Education from Birth, at Home and at School, by Susan Stephenson. Published annually.

- ❖ *Montessori in the Classroom: A Teacher's Account of How Children Really Learn*, by Paula Polk Lillard. 1997
- ❖ *Montessori in Contemporary American Culture*, edited by Margaret Howard Loeffler. 1992.
- ❖ *The Montessori Method*, by Maria Montessori. 1989.
- ❖ *Montessori: A Modern Approach*, by Paula Polk Lillard. 1988.
- ❖ *Montessori Read and Write: A Parents' Guide to Literacy for Children*, by Lynne Lawrence. 1998. Available from NAMTA. See current catalog for price and shipping.
- ❖ *Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius*, by Angeline Stoll Lillard. 2005.
- ❖ *Montessori Today: A Comprehensive Approach to Education from Birth to Adulthood*, by Paula Polk Lillard. 1996. Available from NAMTA. See current catalog for price and shipping.
- ❖ *The Secret of Childhood*, by Maria Montessori. 1992.
- ❖ *The Spiritual Hunger of the Modern Child*, with a chapter by Mario Montessori. 1984.

The following books offer a Montessori-compatible message for parents and teachers alike. Many of these authors have appeared at NAMTA conferences. Order through your local bookstore or the NAMTA Web site.

Discipline

- ❖ *Beyond Discipline: From Compliance to Community*, by Alfie Kohn. 1996.
- ❖ *No Contest: The Case against Competition*, by Alfie Kohn. 1992.
- ❖ *Punished by Rewards: The Trouble with Gold Stars, Incentive Plans, A's, Praise, and Other Bribes*, by Alfie Kohn. 1995.
- ❖ *Smart Love: The Compassionate Alternative to Discipline That Will Make You a Better Parent and Your Child a Better Person*, by Martha Heineman Pieper, Ph.D., and William J. Pieper, M.D. 1999.

Brain Development and Intelligence

- ❖ *Creating Minds: An Anatomy of Creativity Seen through the Lives of Freud, Einstein, Picasso, Stravinsky, Eliot, Graham, and Gandhi*, by Howard E. Gardner. 1994.
- ❖ *Endangered Minds: Why Our Children Don't Think*, by Jane M. Healy. 1991.
- ❖ *Extraordinary Minds*, by Howard Gardner. 1998.
- ❖ *Failure to Connect: Why Computers Are Damaging to Our Children's Minds and What We Can Do about It*, by Jane M. Healy. 1998.

- ❖ *Frames of Mind: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences*, by Howard E. Gardner. 1993.
- ❖ *How to Have Intelligent and Creative Conversations with Your Kids*, by Jane M. Healy. 1994.
- ❖ *Intelligence: Multiple Perspectives*, by Howard Gardner, et al. 1996.
- ❖ *Multiple Intelligences: The Theory in Practice*, by Howard E. Gardner. 1993.
- ❖ *What's Going on in There?: How the Brain and Mind Develop in the First Five Years of Life*, by Lise Eliot, Ph.D. 1999.
- ❖ *Your Child's Growing Mind: A Guide to Learning and Brain Development from Birth to Adolescence*, by Jane M. Healy. 1994.

Normalization and "Flow" Theory

- ❖ *Being Adolescent: Conflict and Growth in the Teenage Years*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, et al. 1986.
- ❖ *Beyond Boredom and Anxiety*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1975.
- ❖ *Creativity: Flow and the Psychology of Discovery and Invention*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1997.
- ❖ *The Evolving Self: A Psychology for the Third Millennium*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1994.
- ❖ *Finding Flow: The Psychology of Engagement with Everyday Life*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1997.
- ❖ *Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1991.
- ❖ *Talented Teenagers: The Roots of Success and Failure*, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, et al. 1993.
- ❖ *Television and the Quality of Life: How Viewing Shapes Everyday experience*, by Robert Kubey and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1990.

Nature and Cosmic Education

- ❖ *Befriending the Earth*, by Thomas Berry and Stephen Dunn. 1991.
- ❖ *Children's Special Places: Exploring the Role of Forts, Dens, and Bush Houses in Middle Childhood*, by David Sobel. 2002
- ❖ *The Dream of the Earth*, by Thomas Berry. 1990.
- ❖ *Growing Up Green: Education for Ecological Renewal*, by David Hutchison and Thomas Berry. 1998.

- ❖ The Hidden Heart of the Cosmos: Humanity and the New Story, by Brian Swimme. 1996.
- ❖ Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder, by Richard Louv. 2005.
- ❖ The Universe is a Green Dragon: A Cosmic Creation Story, by Brian Swimme. 1988.
- ❖ The Universe Story: From the Primordial Flaring Forth to the Ecozoic Era, by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry. 1994.

Etiquette and Grace and Courtesy

- ❖ Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct, by P. M. Forni. 2002.
- ❖ Emily Post's The Gift of Good Manners: A Parent's Guide to Raising Respectful, Kind, Considerate Children, by Peggy Post and Cindy Post Senning. 2002
- ❖ The Surprising Power of Family Meals: How Eating Together Makes Us Smarter, Stronger, Healthier, and Happier, by Miriam Weinstein. 2005.
- ❖ 365 Manners Kids Should Know: Games, Activities, and Other Fun Ways to Help Children Learn Etiquette, by Sheryl Eberly. 2001
- ❖ Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age, by Daniel J. Kindlon. 2001.