RECOMMENDED READING FOR MONTESSORI PARENTS


- 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.
- 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:

Montessori in the Classroom: A Teacher’s Account of How Children Really Learn, by Paula Polk Lillard. 1997
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.

**Brain Development and Intelligence**

Failure to Connect: Why Computers Are Damaging to Our Children’s Minds and What We Can Do about It, by Jane M. Healy. 1998.
How to Have Intelligent and Creative Conversations with Your Kids, by Jane M. Healy. 1994.
Intelligence: Multiple Perspectives, by Howard Gardner, et al. 1996.

**Normalization and “Flow” Theory**

Beyond Boredom and Anxiety, by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. 1975.

**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.
● 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**

● 365 Manners Kids Should Know: Games, Activities, and Other Fun Ways to Help Children Learn Etiquette, by Sheryl Eberly. 2001