

Welcome! To a Montessori classroom, you're in for a treat. This information

Students in a Montessori classroom do not receive letter grades. They are rated on a scale of 1 to 4. A 1 is no progress, a 2 is slow progress, a 3 is satisfactory progress, and a 4 is strong progress.

It is desired that students complete all assigned work before moving on to choice subject area work. They all know this, but a few need reminders sometimes! We have a practical life/art shelf in the classroom. Students do not have to complete all core subject areas before choosing work from these shelves, but they may not do several activities in a row from these shelves either. Maria Montessori believed students would choose their own work in a room prepared in a sequential, inviting way.

Often you will see students as peer tutors in the classroom, which is encouraged. This is one of the major benefits to the three-year age grouping that Maria Montessori incorporated in her method, which is based on child development. Sometimes a younger child will ask an older student for a lesson on something he/she hasn't tried yet, and this is also encouraged (may require some input from the teacher). I often explain the difference between helping and doing it for someone. I model ways to help, not do.

Students are expected to walk in the halls in single-file . We have to navigate stairs, and the acoustics in our building are terrible!

In many classrooms students are allowed one personal, healthy snack in the morning and/or afternoon, which each child is expected to bring for himself/herself. One daily snack is provided on the counter by the sink for those who forget to bring their own snack. In some classrooms there may be a student assigned as the host/hostess and you could ask that person to serve you. You can check the responsibility chart to see whose job it is this week. The host/hostess responsibility is part of the "lessons in grace and courtesy" Maria Montessori felt was important to teach children.

Have a wonderful day with the students! We are grateful you can join us today!

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