

The Montessori Method

"Incorporating the Montessori approach in a public school classroom"

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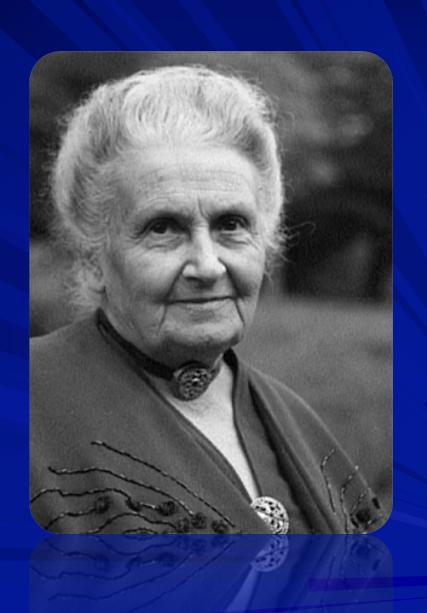
Who is Maria Montessori?

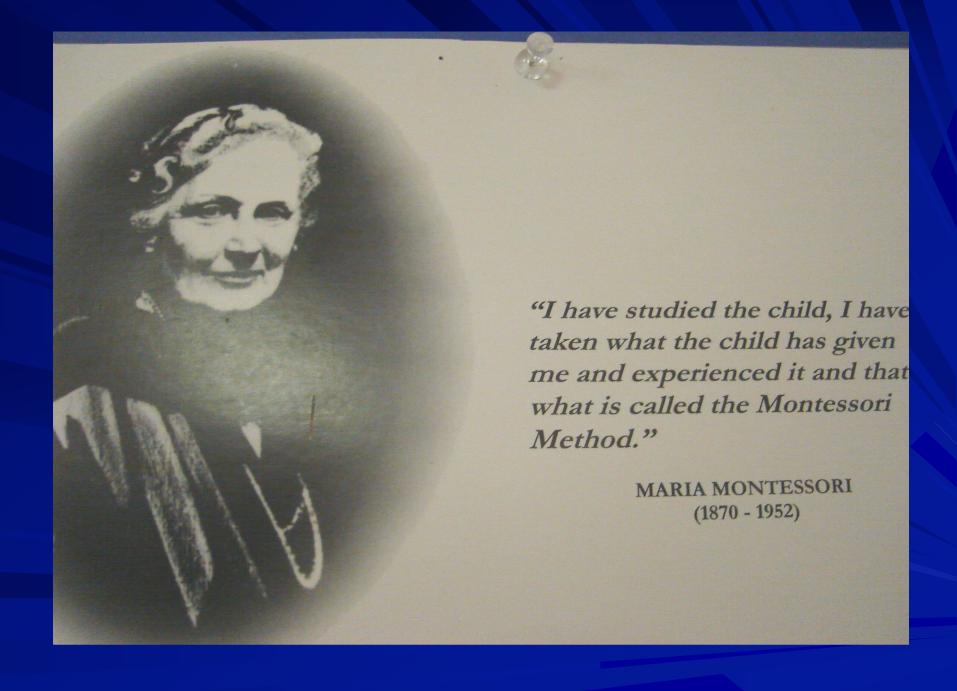
As a physician/educator, she developed an education method. She emphasized the method of a system of materials and exercises to be utilized by the child in designated ways for specific purposes.

(Orem, 1971, pp.17)

History

- Created by Maria Montessori in 1897; Italian doctor and educator
- Targets students from birth to 18 years old
- Based on observations of children in their environment and interactions with materials
- Introduced to the U.S. in 1911





Montessori Philosophy

- Children work independently instead of being taught in a group led by a teacher
- ✓ The classes consist of a mixed age group of 9 to 12 year-old students inspiring and teaching each other
- Children master academic subjects that sometimes are not taught until middle or high school

What is the Montessori Method?

The Montessori Method is a child-centered approach to teaching. This method incorporates "free activity" within a prepared environment where students learn concepts from working with materials rather than direct instruction.



Children in the Montessori Classroom

- Motivated toward self-development (autoformation) and self-teaching (auto-education)
- Have freedom to work on self-chosen tasks in an attractive environment designed and equipped to meet their needs

