

Montessori Education Week Ideas for your School

For Teachers:

- Older students can make their own proclamations claiming this week as Montessori Education Week. (See the official one for an example)
- Read a Montessori biography to the class
- Students could write their own Montessori biography (maybe about other important Montessorians - Adele Gnocchi, Silvana Montanaro, Mario Montessori etc)
- Write letter to school graduates/alumni asking about their experiences in Montessori - collect these in a book or publish them in a newsletter
- Collect *100 acts of kindness in the name of Montessori* and display them creatively, such as snowflakes, leaves on a tree, a paper chain, etc.
- Set up student partnerships between Elementary and younger children for binomial and trinomial cube building together
- Plant a tree
- Make acrostic poems for the word MONTESSORI
- Set up a Montessori Education Display in your classroom
- Declare your classroom a Peace Zone and define what that means
- Have quiet reflection time each day prompted by an historic Montessori photograph
- At the end of the day take turns saying what each person is most grateful for
- Write out Montessori quotes and discuss what they mean
- Have children search through Montessori's books to find quotes that speak to them and present them to the class
- Find several peace and community building activities and do one each day
- Choose a craft activity to present each day involving peace (thumbprint dove, origami, making a lovelight, etc)
- Have a bubble release, in which everyone blows bubbles for peace
- Have children videoed sharing why they love Montessori
- Teach the children the *Montessori 150 Song*
- Make posters about Montessori education or peace and display in public areas of the school or at an assembly.
- Students could draw pictures of Montessori materials, older students could also write about the way they use them, or why they like them. They could go home that week or collect them and display them at the local library

For Administrators:

- Hold a special Parent Education Night discussing the benefits of Montessori education
- Begin a book club (A Modern Approach by Lillard is a good place for parents to begin)
- Hold a morning Meet and Greet with parents, giving information about Montessori education
- Send home a tidbit of information each day, such as "Did you know that Montessori used the words '**Absorbent mind**' to explain brain development between birth through approximately age 6. During this time the young child experiences a period of intense mental

activity that allows her to “absorb” learning from her environment quickly and easily without conscious effort.

- Reach out to a local parents organization and volunteer to tell them about Montessori education
- Engage in a school wide charitable act, such as a coat drive, food drive, money for Australian animals, etc.
- Start a letter campaign, reaching out to your local government telling them about Montessori and how much it means to you. Ask your parents to do the same.
- Make a list of your favorite Montessori Blogs, Pages and Websites and share it with your parent body (Please include Virginia Montessori Association :)