

What is Montessori?

Before I started this course, I only know that Montessori is some kind of teaching method for early childhood. But somehow it is so different that it has the power to mould the child to be an independent but happy person, even at her/his early stage of life. However, when I actually stepped in the classroom, the picture was skewed gradually as time wore on.

Montessori Education inspires adults to rethink how they treat their infants, triggers people revisit their existing children education methodologies and acts as a new gate for people to enter into a new era of childhood education. We can't just straightly say the verdict that Montessori is merely the childhood education methodology; it is actually a new vision upon our knowledge about human beings' life-long development.

Montessori education can benefit human being in their early development stage. It simply forces us to the very first development stage – utilizing our 5 senses to adapt to our environment. It guides us upon how we can effectively utilize these 5 senses so that we can transform ourselves step by step from children to adult stage. Nowadays adults, because of their arrogance, superimpose their gauge upon what children should be exposed to. Sometimes they do it because of ignorance or sometimes of their selfishness(for economic purposes or convenience sake).

It is not at all easy for adults to follow strictly the principles of Montessori education. It requires a high level of initiative-taking process, reactivity and self-motivation. Adults today are living in bustle and hustle that they don't bother about the giving the "goodies" to their offspring. They often uphold the ideas that even ourselves are brought up that way; why our children can't follow our steps. Then the same old story repeats time and again, like looping in a vicious cycle.

In short, it deserves devoting a great amount of resources to review our early children education, even our existing primary and secondary education. If government want to improve the composition of the society, that means people. We should work at the beginning stage. There are plenty of examples. Taiwanese allocate considerably great amount of resources to bring up their children, especially the gifted ones. Singaporeans, needless to say, encourage couples via sex education and subsidies to new family members. Foundation is vitally important! It is not just confined to building but also humans.