

Montessori Essential Observation tool

Classroom:	Observer:	Date:
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✓	Essential	Evidence/Notes
	An uninterrupted work period: Children are not interrupted from work by adults, nor pulled out of the classroom	
	Application of the four freedoms: Unless they lack the responsibility to do so, children are choosing their own work, where to work in the room, who to work with, and how long to work on it	
	Use of small group/1:1 instruction: Children are receiving lessons in small groups (elementary) or individually (primary)	
	Consistent practice of observation: There is a designated chair for observation and evidence the classroom adults use it regularly	
	Use of detailed recordkeeping: There is evidence of lesson plans in use, a place lessons are recorded, and follow-up noted	

Further Observations/Notes: