

Welcome to a new
school year!
Monocacy Valley
Montessori Public
Charter School



Who was Maria Montessori?



Born in Italy in 1870

A rigorous researcher, a philosopher, a medical doctor and anthropologist, among other things.

Believed in the rights and dignity of marginalized people.

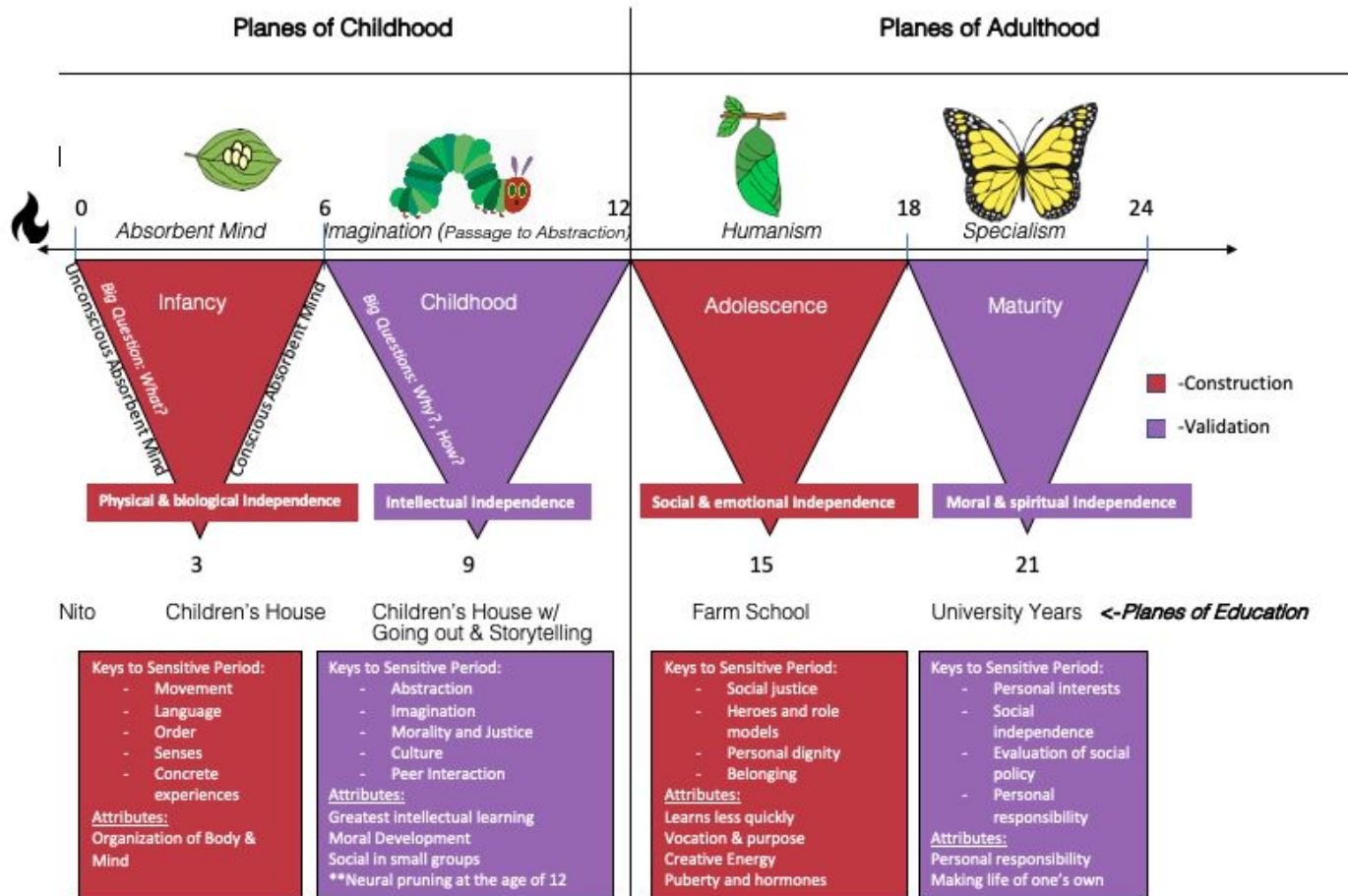
Called her work the science of peace.

Identified four distinct planes of child development.

Developed an approach to education that is child centered, and based on scientific observation and principles of human development.

Planes of Development

Line of Life



Attendance

Please help your child to have a successful day by making sure they have had a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast, and arrive to school on time.

- Classrooms are accessible at 8:30. Students are encouraged to arrive in the classroom close to 8:30 if possible. This time gives students the opportunity to socialize, plan their work day, and organize their materials. These skills will help your child learn how to learn.
- Please have your child school no later than 9:00. Students who are consistently late often have a difficult time transitioning into the work cycle as they have missed announcements and morning meetings.
- If your child is absent, please email mvms.attendance@fcps.org

Curriculum

The Montessori curriculum is a spiral curriculum that is based on the following principles:

1. Students learn concepts from the big picture to increasing detail.
2. Students learn concepts from the concrete to the abstract.
3. Lessons are interrelated. The Great Lessons lead students to more detailed lessons and research about the concepts within these Great Lessons.
4. Students return to major themes in the curriculum every 3 years to study them in greater depth.

Montessori Spiral Curriculum

Increasingly Abstract

Very Concrete

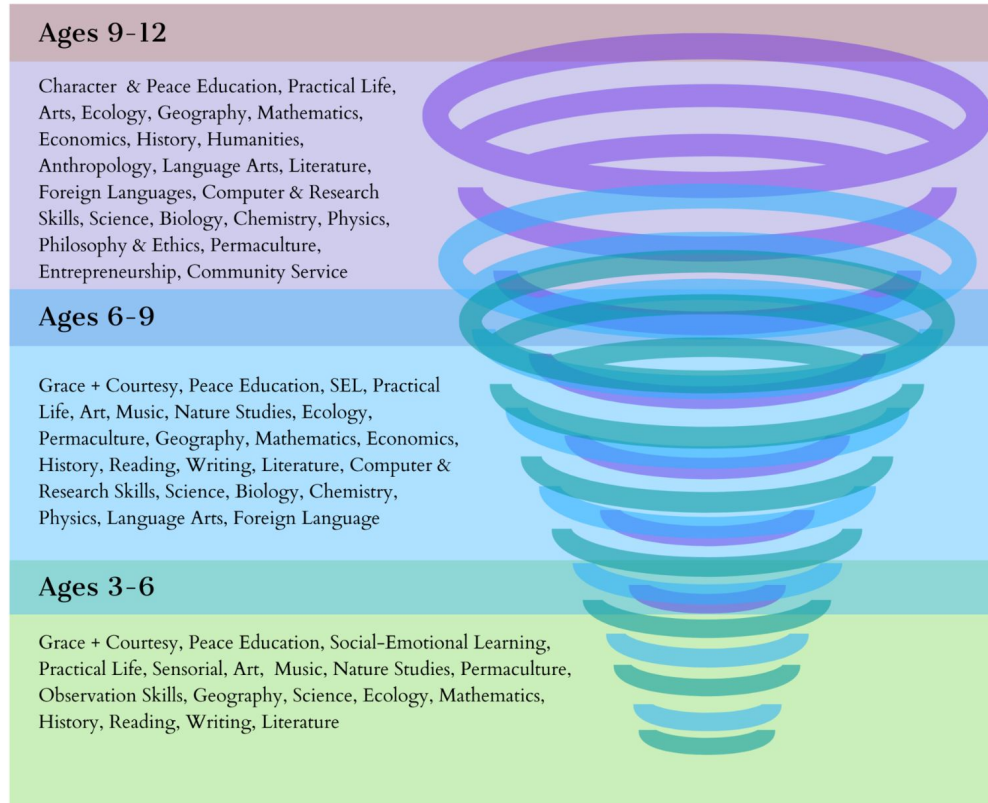


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Expectations for Students

Students are engaged in a classroom community. In order for our community to thrive and for students to be successful, we have the following expectations:

1. Make a sincere effort to learn, ask questions, and complete assignments.
2. Have a growth mindset.
3. Be kind and respectful of each other.
4. Take care of our classroom materials.

Assessments

Students will take the NWEA MAP assessment three times this year. This is a school based assessment that measures student growth and helps students to set goals. The information from this assessment will help your child's teacher to learn their strengths and areas for growth in order to personalize instruction.

In the spring, students will take the MCAP which is a statewide assessment in which all public schools participate.

Grading

Our grading policy is based on individual student growth. Please click this link to view the [Upper Elementary Grading Policy](#).

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