

Why I like Montessori

by Elle Martinez

Hi, my name is Elle Martinez and I have been in a Montessori school for 6 years. Ever since then Montessori has created a positive effect for me after having a bad experience in a public school. My particular Montessori school (Montessori of Winter Garden Charter School) was beginning to grow and I along with it now being in 7th grade. I as a student have seen other people come and go with a Montessori memory to remember. You can say I have worked hard to earn the S.O.A.R award for citizenship and if any of you has seen our school video look for me. Anyway off of me and into Montessori.

Montessori was founded and created by Maria Montessori, a woman who as an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational method that builds on the way children naturally learn. Unlike public schools with a teacher standing in the front of the room reading from a textbook this new teaching method allowed kids to choose the lesson they wish to work on from the teacher assigning it. Whether it was individual, with a partner, or even a group this was an amazing start of something new. Maria Montessori observed that how the kids absorbed knowledge from their surroundings, essentially teaching themselves.

Peace was another part of Montessori learning unlike other schools. In peace we learn to celebrate in diversity, create friendship, collaborate together to help one another with work, etc. That does not mean we are always peaceful though, for we all are human beings and arguments and problems come up now and then. In my perspective this is inspirational to walk into a classroom and feel safe and positive reassurance come over me. Montessori can feel like a second home to some including me.

The teachers assign us work after giving the group lesson to finish by a certain day/time. Then my peers and I have work to complete so we manage time for each work and eventually end up completing all assignments. We get to be in control; others will need guidance by a teacher here and there though! To be honest learning can be fun.

I think everyone in the community should gain friendship with one another because if students can do it you can too! Think of how Montessori was started by one person, and other trademarks too. Well you can make a change in the world a positive change. The pursuit of knowledge is endless. Those of you who may be reading this and thinking that totally doesn't agree with my opinion that's ok for your opinion has value. After reading this please consider looking up Montessori what you find might inspire you. Better yet look for the Montessori school I attend and take a tour to learn about Montessori's great history. Don't forget it's MONTESSORI OF WINTER GARDEN CHARTER SCHOOL.