

## Mid-Year Progress Reports

Progress reports will give you a clear idea as to how your child is developing in the Montessori program. There will be information that is specific towards meeting state standards and benchmarks, as well as some anecdotes about emotional/social development. If you have any questions about the report, please check in with your teacher. Reports are something that are meant to provide parents with a way to understand the process of the education of their child. While they cannot list everything your child does (that would take pages and pages), it should help you get an idea of the curriculum and how your child is meeting the expectations of the Montessori method.

Maria Montessori used to document everything, including what the child ate and their physical developments (like height, weight, and cranium size!!) She used all her observations to guide the lessons. She understood that when the child was given opportunities to explore the environment, they would come across self-discoveries and meaningful work. Your teacher's greatest tool to "drive" instruction is their own daily observations of the classroom. "Starting from this state of order, the movements of the children daily becomes more perfect and coordinated. They learn to reflect upon their own actions. The book for the teacher, the book which inspires her own actions, and the only one in which she can read and study if she is to become an expert, is the constant observances of the children as they pass from their first disordered movement to those that are spontaneously regulated...Every child reveals himself, and it is remarkable how clearly individual differences stand out if we follow this procedure." *Montessori, Maria, p. 55, The Discovery of the Child*

Ask your teacher if you need any further reflections about what they have observed in the classroom!!  
Kind Regards, Miss Debbie