

Patience and Faith in Montessori

It is a leap of faith for parents to say "Yes, I am so glad about the idea that my child is learning at their level and in their style. I am also not sure about what they do or what the outcome will be." It is absolute trust you have in the practice of what Montessori does. A child WILL come to their own in the time spent here at MRGC. They will reach academic, social, and emotional milestones along their journey. Not all are documented in data that gives you a percentile or benchmark to compare.

I sometimes wonder how it will happen...that boy of seven that does not seem to be "getting it" in the reading component. At some magical point in their time with us, they do reach explosions in the various areas of learning. It comes at them in some capacity (perhaps during a Botany lesson) when they are able to relate all the absorbed lessons and put it to use! Ask us about things that may confuse you or lead to feelings of anxiety.

Did you know that we watch the child as he makes the mistake and use that information or error to assess and reinstruct. As John Snyder says in the Public Montessorian, Winter 2011 "We go to great pains in Montessori to remove the usual negative consequences of error precisely because we know that error is key to learning and we want the children to feel free to try and fail, try again and fail again, try again and do a little better...all the way to mastery." This is very difficult for adults because we see this failure as something like a last chance....the test that says we do not understand. We as Montessorians see it as a stepping stone to the child-they have absolute trust in the method and themselves to do it over and over. Kind Regards, Miss Debbie