

The End of First Term: The Holiday Break

What do you think? Your child has now spent a significant amount of time in a Montessori classroom. Have you noticed any changes/differences in their behavior at home or on an outing with you? Is their ability to focus and concentrate on a task any greater than before?

You may want to think about these questions and wonder how to balance the mindset of your child over the holiday break. One thing that is crucial, is to keep up whatever reading you do at home- whether being read to or reading aloud themselves, it is vital for the continued development of the child and their capacity for reading. Twenty minutes each day will allow the child enough time to share their thoughts through whatever book they are reading. You can also access books on tape at the local libraries!

There are many ways to incorporate real experiences for your child to work with you during the holidays. If you need ideas, please ask me- of course anything involving measuring is a great lesson for children. (cooking, measuring area of backyard, elapsed time for travel, etc) Two weeks is not long, but it is definitely long enough to upset the well-established daily routine. Try to keep to the same hours of sleeping and eating!

Think like Maria Montessori did and follow the child...allow your child to lead an activity and be responsible for the lesson!