



About the use of MONTESSORI MATERIALS in lessons

Context: class, therapy, remedial education

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Description:

Montessori education is an educational approach characterized by

- a prepared environment
- specialized educational materials developed by Maria Montessori and her collaborators
- students choice of activity within a prescribed range of options
- individualized learning methods
- mixed age classrooms
- the adult's role is to help the child's development powers

In Austria we have to distinguish:

- Montessori schools (private)

In Montessori Children's Houses and schools the whole environment is carefully prepared to encourage development of the whole child, on all levels - social, emotional, physical and intellectual and to ensure freedom of movement and choice within clearly defined limits which are based on the philosophy of Maria Montessori. Teachers need to have the special Montessori training.

- The use of Montessori principles and materials in regular schools



The teachers – most of them are specially trained – are allowed to use Montessori materials and they can order those materials for their students.

Class with the use of Montessori materials include lectures in language, mathematics, the sciences, the arts and therapy.



Conclusion:

The materials themselves encourage self- activities. All the materials in a Montessori environment are designed for maximizing the child’s individual and independent way of learning.