

Montessori in the Home



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“An adult can assist in shaping the environment,
but it is the child that perfects its own being”

- Maria Montessori, *The Secret of Childhood*

Setting the stage



- Start Simple
- Create Order
- Establish Routines
 - Have Fun!

Kitchen



- Safe Stool
- Real Tools
- Simple Menu
- Appropriate work space
- Dishes and glasses in lower cupboards
- Snacks and drinks on low shelves in cupboards and refrigerator
- Low table and chairs

Pictures of Kitchen



Bedroom



- Keep it simple for child to manage
 - Clothing rack to child's height
- Excess clothing and too many choices creates difficulty for child's independence

Pictures of Bedroom

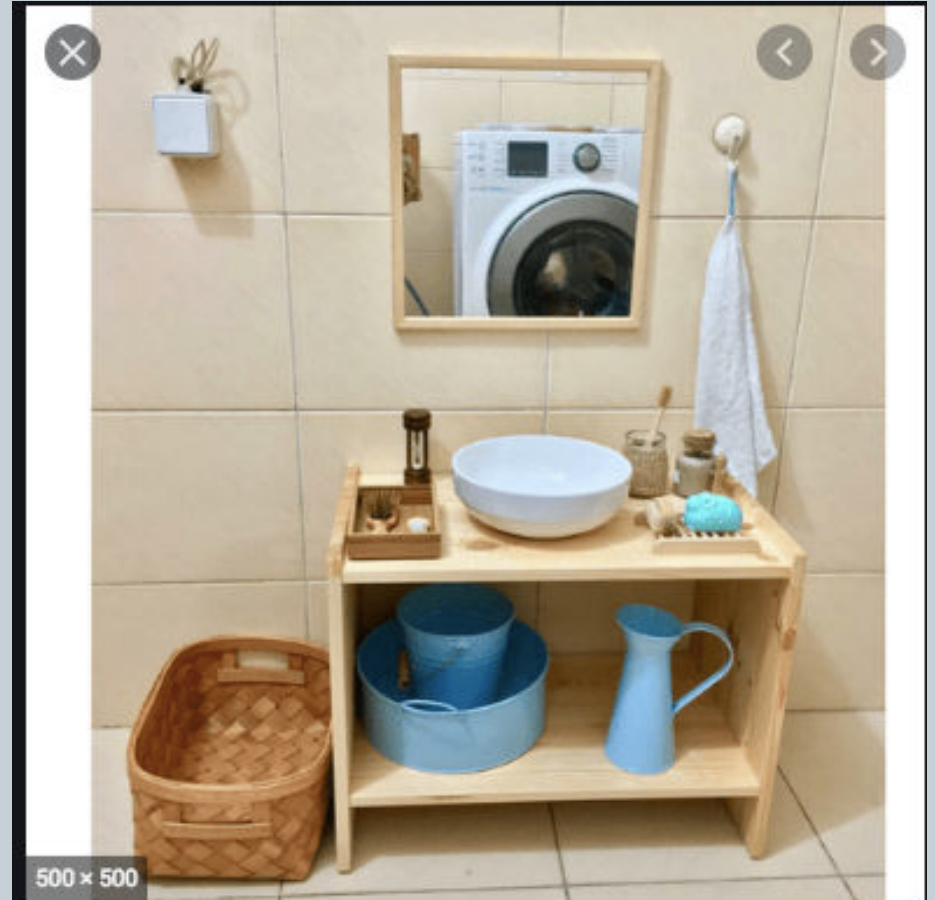


Bathroom



- Safe Stool
- Easy access to hygiene materials
 - Low Mirror
- Basket or plastic container for personal equipment
 - Container for bath toys
 - Hooks for Towels
- Basket for cleaning equipment
(ex. sponge to wipe out tub and sink)
 - SAFE cleaning solutions
(ex. vinegar water with lavender or citrus
essential oil)

Pictures of Bathroom

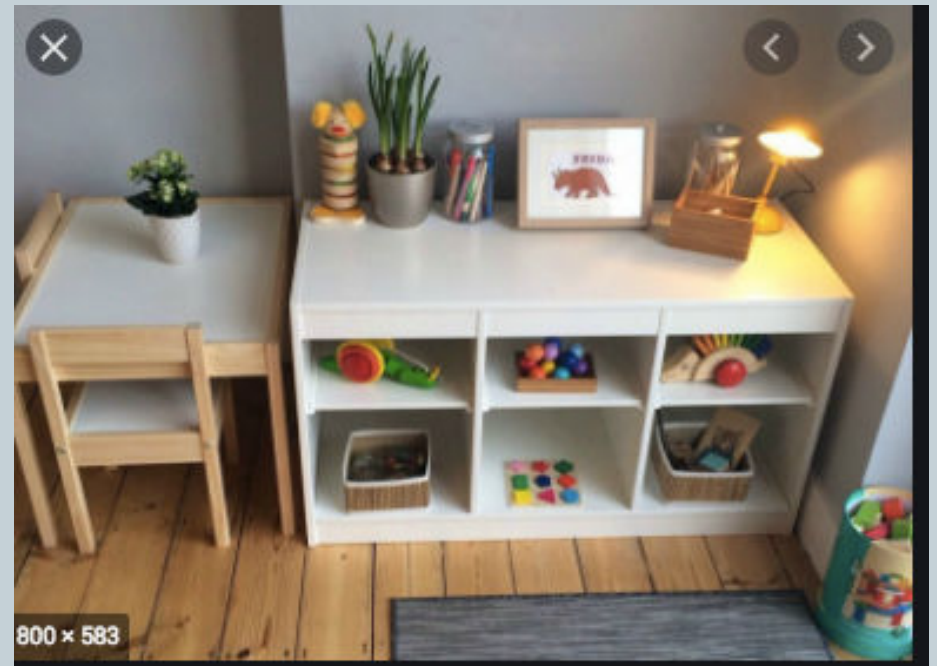


Play Room/ Living Room



- Play is the child's work
 - Less is more
- Enough activities to keep child engaged
 - Low shelving
- 'Age Appropriate' activities: Check RRDC Curriculum & Parent Resources for Ideas!
 - A place for everything and everything in its place!

Play Area/ Living Room Pictures



Nothing is perfect!



- Remember that some things may work for your family and others will not- and that is OKAY! Do what is best for your current living situation and for your child!

Final thoughts...



“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better.”

~ Maya Angelou

PARENT RESOURCES

Please enjoy the resources below!

- *General* -

Montessori at Home Resource

<https://amshq.org/Family-Resources/Montessori-at-Home> -

How to talk to kids about COVID 19:

https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR2e8299CeEA9354LWO9V3MKH2Y8-24X4b4SY1xct71OHCRiri2W_ODcec4

Links to many free resources:

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>

- *Furniture & Materials* -

Montessori at Ikea

<https://www.mother.ly/child/17-montessori-friendly-objects-you-can-buy-at-ikea>

Learning Tower for Kitchen:

https://www.amazon.com/Guidecraft-Classic-Kitchen-Helper-Write/dp/B000SQNAQC?ref_=fsclp_pl_dp_2

IKEA Hack Learning Tower:

<https://happygreylucky.com/ikea-hack-toddler-learning-tower-stool/>

- *Blogs* -

<https://www.howwemontessori.com/>

<http://www.thekavanaughreport.com/>

<https://livingmontessorinow.com/category/homeschooling/>