Group Activities within the Guidelines of The Montessori Method

Presenter: Diane Byron

The majority of time in a Montessori environment centers upon individualized learning and self-directed activity, but there are times throughout the day for group activities and play. The classroom directress gathers the children for learning through songs, stories, games and thematic learning. These activities encourage social interaction and movement and allow opportunities for children to speak in front of their peers.

During this session, participants will review quotes from Maria Montessori that outline guidelines for group activities and learn the ten foundational guidelines for group activities.

If it is sometimes challenging to gain your students attention to listen to your instructions and bring them together as a group, then you will enjoy this interactive session learning activities to incorporate in your daily classroom schedule.

Diane Byron earned her Montessori Certification from Brookhaven College and has been a teacher in traditional elementary and high school classes for more than 18 years. Her Montessori experience includes teaching toddler classes, pre-primary as well as elementary. She served as the Assistant Head of School at the Montessori Episcopal School in Lewisville, Texas for four years.

Course Enrollment is LIMITED.
Register Early!

Registration Information:
Fee: $69.00       CRN: 75287
CEUs: 4
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Collin College
          Courtyard Campus
          4800 Preston Park Blvd.
          Plano, Texas 75093

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Management Techniques: “A Teacher’s Bag of Tricks”
Presenter: Shellie Houck
During this session you will receive advice and proven classroom management techniques from an experienced Montessori directress and administrator. The topic will aid you in gaining confidence and the skills needed to set up classroom procedures and practices and eliminating problem behaviors in children.

You will learn effective strategies used to diffuse negative situations before they escalate. Every adult who works with young children must understand the children’s needs and ability levels. Once this knowledge is gained, you can begin to use proven techniques to communicate and work with young children.

While it is true that working with young children can be a challenging experience, knowledge gained during this session should aid you in becoming a “prepared directress” with a truly joyful classroom!

Shellie Houck came to Montessori education 16 years ago possessing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. She joined Tierra Vista Montessori School in 1998 as an after-school assistant and began teacher training with the Association Montessori International at the Texas Montessori Education Center and obtained A.M.I. Certification in 2000. She has been a primary guide since and became the head of the school in 2003. She currently holds both titles with Tierra Vista.

“Love & Logic” Techniques that Work with Preschoolers
Presenter: Becky Meyerson
Want to create a classroom environment where you love to teach and present and where children love to learn?

During this session, Becky will share how to create a successful classroom culture through:

- Learning to set limits in the classroom and enforcing them without punishment or rewards
- Building a connection between home and school
- Use of practical applications of Love & Logic techniques with preschool children

This session will give you tools that will help you spend more time working with the children and less time managing disruptive behaviors!

Becky Meyerson is a long-time AMS Member. She received her AMS Early Childhood Certification in 1984 and AMS Montessori Elementary Certification in 1992. She has been a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church since 1976, and her relationship with the school began when her parents Ned and Becky Meyerson opened the school in 1984. Becky graduated from UTD with a Bachelor's in Government and Politics. Nearly thirty years into this endeavor and the joy continues! Becky has also taken the “Love and Logic” courses for preschool children in Colorado and is a certified instructor of this classroom management technique.

Science & Nature Activities in the Montessori Classroom
Presenter: Deborah Herrington
Dr. Montessori believed that the outdoor environment was an extension of the classroom. She believed that nature provided opportunities for rich sensorial experiences, which is a foundation of her method. Activities in nature and science within our environments provide the children with the opportunity to gain a respect for all living things.

The Montessori curriculum places Botany, Zoology, Biology, and basic Science lessons under the term “cosmic education.” These lessons are concrete hands on experiences that spark wonder and a love of the world and its inhabitants! Topics covered in this session include:

- Tools for Exploring Science
- Experiments & Activities with Plants
- Investigating Air
- Physical Science Activities

Deborah Herrington is the Montessori Certification Instructor at Collin College. She has served as Head of School for a not-for-profit Montessori school, has owned and operated a private Montessori school for preschool through 6th grade. She has earned a Bachelor’s degree in elementary education, Elementary Music Teacher Certification and Montessori C.M.E. certification. She is the author of “Paper Works I” and “Paper Works II for the Montessori Classroom.” She has been an instructor of children and adults for more than 32 years.