

Peace Education in the Toddlers House:

“This is education, understood as a help to life; an education from birth, which feeds a peaceful revolution and unites all in a common aim, attracting them as to a single centre. Mothers, fathers, politicians: all must combine in their respect and help for this delicate work of formation, which the little child carries on in the depth of a profound psychological mystery, under the tutelage of an inner guide. This is the bright new hope for mankind.” Maria Montessori (The Absorbent Mind, p. 15)

Children learn what they live. In order to educate for peace our Montessori environments and curricula are designed to support children in becoming peaceful members of their communities.

Peace education guides children toward developing the self-awareness, empathy, collaborative spirit, kindness, curiosity, respect and sense of justice that is required to live in harmony with others.

Peaceful Connection with the Self:

- Noticing and naming feelings.
- Choosing a quiet space.
- Seeking comfort.
- Regulating emotions.
- Managing impulses.
- Finding meaningful work.
- Focusing attention.
- Exploring the world through the five senses.
- Feeling wonder.
- Taking deep breaths.
- Walking the labyrinth.
- Being safe.

Peaceful Connection with Others:

- Greeting teachers and friends.
- Expressing concern for others.
- Waiting for a turn.
- Respecting the rights of others.
- Being kind.
- Using gentle touches.
- Using words to say “No.”
- Arranging flowers for the snack table.
- Giving flower arrangements to the office staff.

- Greeting and engaging with visitors.
- Offering help.
- Joining a friend to work and play.
- Preparing snack for others.
- Baking bread for everyone to share.

Peaceful Connection with the Environment:

- Sensorial experiences with nature.
- Caring for plants.
- Caring for classroom pets.
- Caring for songbirds.
- Planting seeds and tending the garden.
- Arranging flowers.
- Returning work to its place.
- Composting.
- Recycling.
- Vermicomposting.
- Cleaning the environment.
- Treating materials gently.