

A MONTESSORI PEACE CURRICULUM MADE SIMPLE

“A teacher, who thinks that she could prepare herself for her mission through study alone, would be mistaken. The first thing required of a teacher is that she be rightly disposed for her task.”

Dr. Maria Montessori

INTRODUCTION

This curriculum gives Montessori teachers concrete activities to use for the continuing transformation of themselves, their children, and their classrooms on the path of peace. It presents a year long (or lifelong) curriculum of peace work using environmental activities, music, cultural activities from Native American tradition, storytelling, and children’s books, along with extensions and resources.

“Within the child lies the fate of the future.”

Dr. Maria Montessori, *The Secret of Childhood*

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