

Professional Development Matters

If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn. Ignacio Estrada

TMI is proud to be the forum in which educators can come together to develop and stretch their skills. Workshops provide an environment wherein Montessori teachers learn and connect in an informal, personal way. Led by expert Montessori trainers, participants were guided to share experiences and assessment tools to ensure that children thrive.

Lessons learned from this past Saturday's workshops include the importance of clear expectations that can be articulated, regardless of level. In keeping with Montessori practice of isolating difficulty, whether in clarity of movement or scaffolding skill development through the materials, rubrics seemed to provide "ah ha" moments for both groups. The Early Childhood group realized that rubrics assist the writing of more meaningful report cards. The Lower Elementary teachers realized that by conveying and detailing their expectations we support independence. In addition, such a structure actually promotes differentiated follow up activities, not unlike our larger approach.

The beauty of Montessori was underscored once again as TMI trainers demonstrated the importance of the indirect preparation in planning and developing exercises. TMI's rich heritage once again highlighted how the child is at the centre of our work.

Thanks goes out to all who were engaged in this vital work.



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Professional Development Workshops

**Early Childhood & Elementary
Coping with Transitions - How are you
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April 14, 2018, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Elementary:

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What was your favourite memory of school? For many Montessori children in elementary classrooms, the answer is the Great Lesson. Story telling is the cornerstone of the Elementary Program. Join us to explore and infuse more Great Stories into the different subject areas using the Great Lesson as a guide.

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