

# The Heart of Montessori

## Only Montessori

Montessori is the only educational system that starts from a theological foundation – God’s respect for the child. “Unless you become like a child you can’t enter the kingdom of God.”

Montessori is the only educational system that starts from the senses instead of the intellect, developing the senses as an aid to intellectual development. Aristotle said, “There is nothing in the mind that was not first in the hand.”

Montessori is the only educational system that is built on a unified, coherent set of principles that springs from observing the nature of the child.

Montessori is the only educational system where observation of the child is the essential skill for teaching the child.

Montessori is the only educational system where the physical classroom/environment is an integral component of the teaching process.

Montessori is the only educational system that is built on the power of choice and how that power is developed and refined.

Montessori is the only system of education that celebrates movement.

Montessori is the only system built on wonder and discovery instead of rote learning.

Montessori is the only system that functions because of “grace and courtesy” – good manners, consideration for others and cooperation.