



**MONTESSORI**  
**ELEMENTARY and PRESCHOOL**



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School Readiness Checklist

Skills to ease transition

- Dressing Self and choosing clothing
- Putting on/Taking off Coat and hanging up
- Changing Shoes
- Going to the Bathroom – lifting seat, wiping, washing hands
- Blowing nose and washing hands afterwards
- Waiting for help: Becoming accustomed to needs not being met instantly
- Following directions with more than one step
- Putting away toys and clothes
- Feeding Self and sitting at a table while eating
- Helping with meal preparation and clean up

*“Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity, which is derived from a sense of independence.” Maria Montessori*

Suggested Reading List

The Absorbent Mind – Maria Montessori  
The Montessori Method – Maria Montessori  
Discovery of the Child – Maria Montessori  
The Secret of Childhood – Maria Montessori  
Montessori From the Start – Paula Polk-Lillard  
Montessori, The Science Behind the Genius – Angeline Stoll Lillard  
Dumbing Us Down – John Taylor Gatto  
The Pink WHAT? – Deede Stephenson  
Punished by Rewards, The Trouble with As, Praise and other Bribes – Alfie Kohn  
Children: The Challenge – Rudolf Dreikurs and Vicki Stolz  
Queen Bees and Wannabes – Rosalind Wiseman  
Nurturing the Spirit – Aline Wolf  
A Parent’s Guide to the Montessori Classroom – Aline Wolf  
The Birth Order Book – Kevin Leman  
The Montessori Controversy – John Chattin-McNicols