

# Montessori at Roseborough

EDUCATION AS A PREPARATION FOR LIFE

## Montessori Education vs. Traditional Education

### Montessori Education

Start at school early (2-3 years)  
Mixed ages in a classroom  
Freedom to move around the room  
Family atmosphere  
Individual and small group lessons  
Self-correcting materials  
Natural, logical consequences  
Child-centered environment  
Long free work period  
Multi age curriculum  
Progress of student and mastery of concepts  
Emphasis on learning  
Emphasis on individuality  
Progress at individual rate  
Emphasis on “self” discipline  
PEACE in education  
Parent Education/Involvement  
Observation-based progress report  
Freedom within limits

### Traditional Education

Start at school late (4-5 years)  
One grade level per classroom  
Sit at desks  
Limited socialization  
Large group lessons  
Teacher as a source of answers  
Rewards and punishments  
Teacher-centered environment  
Planned activities  
Grade-level curriculum  
Peer comparisons as test  
Emphasis on grades  
Emphasis on conformity  
Annual promotion  
Teacher as disciplinarian  
Punishment  
Little parent involvement  
Graded report cards  
Controlled environment