



# RULES OF THE MONTESSORI PLAYGROUP

- WORK WITH MATERIALS
- ROLE OF THE PARENT

## BEFORE FIRST COMING

- Before you start attending the Montessori group on an ongoing basis, you have to pass an introductory “**Trial lesson**”.
- If you wish to attend a Montessori group on an ongoing basis, the parent will be provided with more detailed instructions, useful information so that the work in the classroom is of better quality.

## CHILD IN THE CLASS

- The child **independently** chooses the type of activity.
- The child is engaged in his own rhythm and after completing the lesson, he can repeat it.
- The child has the right not to engage in any material, but instead to observe the work of other children. Observation is one of the most important ways of learning.
- The child is not required to participate in a music lesson. He can stand by and watch the lesson without taking an active part.

## WORK WITH MATERIALS

- With developing material, we deal only on the **carpet/ rag** or at the **table**.
- Parent should make sure that activities are complete and not missing any parts so the children can work with them independently. After the child has finished work, we **return the material to its place on the shelf**. If any pieces are missing, we remove the whole activity. Parent can remove imperfect items on the windowsill. If something is wrong or has missing parts parent should put material on the windowsill.
- We use **both hands** to carry the carpet, tray and materials.
- The carpet is the place where the child is placed with the selected material, which teaches you to respect other people's borders and take care of their own.
- The carpet can be placed in one place and during the lesson do not change its location.
- Using the carpet:
  - ✓ the material is located on the carpet;
  - ✓ sit next to the carpet;
  - ✓ we don't step on other carpets, we go around so as not to interfere with the one sitting on it;
  - ✓ one carpet - one developing material;
  - ✓ at the end of the work, we roll the carpet and put it back.

## ROLE OF THE PARENT

- The parent is observing his child.
- If the parent wants to move away, then the supervisor must be warned about it.
- We turn to the child by name, we speak at **eye level** and **in a quiet voice**.
- The parent can offer the child exactly as much help as the child needs.
- A parent can offer to do some material together: “Do you want to work with ... material?” or ask a question: “Can I help you put the material back?”.
- Parent – is a model of behaviour in the class:
  - ✓ use a **quiet voice**;
  - ✓ move **slowly**;
  - ✓ use **calm** movements;
  - ✓ studying with the child, we sit down to be at his level.

## GENERAL RULES

- In the room, the child may get dirty and wet, therefore it is advisable to take an **extra clothes**.
- You can take shoes for you and your child.
- **Always wash your and child's hands before the class**.
- In Montessori class it is forbidden to run and push. We are walking **slowly**.
- We **speak calmly, respectfully** towards others (do not shout).
- We remove the materials to the right place and keep **order**.
- We push the chair whenever we move away from the table.
- You can ask **permission** to join the work of another child, but you must understand that you may be denied.
- Without permission (even if it is a family friend) we do not join the work of someone else's child.
- Presentation of the material takes place in strict order: from left to right, from top to bottom.
- After ringing the bell, we will start to prepare environment for the music lesson.
- If any of the details of the material fell into the **child's mouth**, then we put the entire set on the tray on the windowsill and put the **licked part next to the tray**.
- If it is not possible to return the material in the same form in which it was taken or the material was damaged, then we put it on the windowsill.
- If you need help from a mentor, you can go up to him and touch his shoulder. Thus, to make it clear to the teacher that his help is needed. The teacher will help as soon as he is freed.