

And your child

# The Montessori philosophy

The Montessori philosophy is based on a philosophy developed by Dr. Maria Montessori.

The philosophy is based on the following four tenets:

1. The prepared environment
2. Multi-age groupings
3. Montessori materials
4. Learning experiences

Dr. Maria Montessori believed that children:

- Learn best in a social environment, which supports each individual's unique development.
- Create themselves through purposeful activity.
- Between the ages of birth and 6 years of age are the most important stage of development.

The teacher in the class is referred to as a "directress". Their role is that of

a facilitator, role model, demonstrator, and above all, an observer.

Children are free to work at their own pace with materials they have chosen, either alone or within a group. The directress will demonstrate the activity and then they act as an observer.

The children are grouped in multi-age, family-like groupings. This gives younger children opportunities to learn from older children and older children gain a great deal of confidence working with younger children.

The Montessori philosophy strives to develop the whole child, with a large emphasis on respect. Respect for oneself, respect for others, as well as respect for the environment. Choosing a Montessori program, will give your child the confidence to succeed.

## Kids taking a stand for charity in North America

It has been said that when life hands you lemons, you should make lemonade. A popular charitable endeavor is taking that idea to a whole new level, with youngsters raising money to support a variety of worthy causes— one glass of lemonade at a time.

Now in its fourth year, an award-winning program encourages kids to give back to their community by raising money for a charity of their choice through a good old-fashioned, freshly squeezed lemonade sale.


Never underestimate the power of our kids wanting to give back, say Sunkist Growers. As part of their Take a Stand pro-

gram, kids have written in wanting to raise money for local charities and national causes, including UNICEF, the Canadian Red Cross, Breakfast for Learning, Humane Society and many others.

Over the past three years, the company has sent out more than 14,000 free lemonade stands, recipe cards and juicer kits to help kids get started. Since the inception of Take a Stand, it is estimated that more than \$1.5 million has been raised for charity by kids, one glass at a time.

Tips to help kids get started are available at [www.sunkist.com/takeastand](http://www.sunkist.com/takeastand).

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