

Children and Geography

All children have an inherent curiosity about our world. Dr. Montessori often spoke of the great interest that children in her schools showed about the globe. The question of the roundness of the earth is fascinating, and children need help to understand this concept.



In a Montessori class the teacher first introduces the children to land, water and air. She then introduces the earth, which is made into a model called a globe. Conversation is easily stimulated with young children about how life differs in various parts of the globe.

Photographs are essential in studying Geography with young children. Prior to introducing a continent or country, photographs are available to assist the children in visualizing the place being discussed.

When a child's curiosity about the world is sparked, that interest is permanently stimulated. For all intents and purposes, our world is much smaller than ever before. Many families are now traveling to foreign countries for both employment and holidays. Children in the class can actually share their experiences and souvenirs from interesting and different lands.

All children display an enthusiastic interest in the world. Our Montessori teachers enrich the interest with knowledge and displays which provide building blocks for more advanced intellectual development.

The Main Themes under Geography are:

- Land, Water & Air
- The Globe
- The Continents
- Geography Pictures
- The Continent Puzzle Maps
- Land and Water Forms
- Flags of the World