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Welcome to our world

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

2021 is now with us, and I would like to acknowledge the positive contributions to student learning by parents and teachers alike.

TLC is a different kind of school. We tailor everything – class structure, lesson plans, homework, subject groupings, and activities - to each child.

An essential Montessori principle is that children hold the key to their own development, knowing what it is they need to focus on at any given time. Dr Maria Montessori called this a child's "inner guide", and her advice to parents was that "the greatest help you can give your children is the freedom to go about their work in their own way, for in this matter your child knows better than you."

Parents, 2020 has been a tough year for you. Some of you created new routines to make the day organised and predictable; others shared chores and house-keeping responsibilities with the family, making everyone feel useful.

Having fun or spending time together as a family in 2020 certainly fostered a sense of belonging and improved family relationships. For example, reading stories together before bed or sharing regular family meals.

Our students will continue their learning journey, exploring and discovering new concepts. Best wishes to our students who are preparing for interviews for the next academic year. Please keep us informed, so we can offer you some guidance on how you can help your child develop confidence through practise sessions.

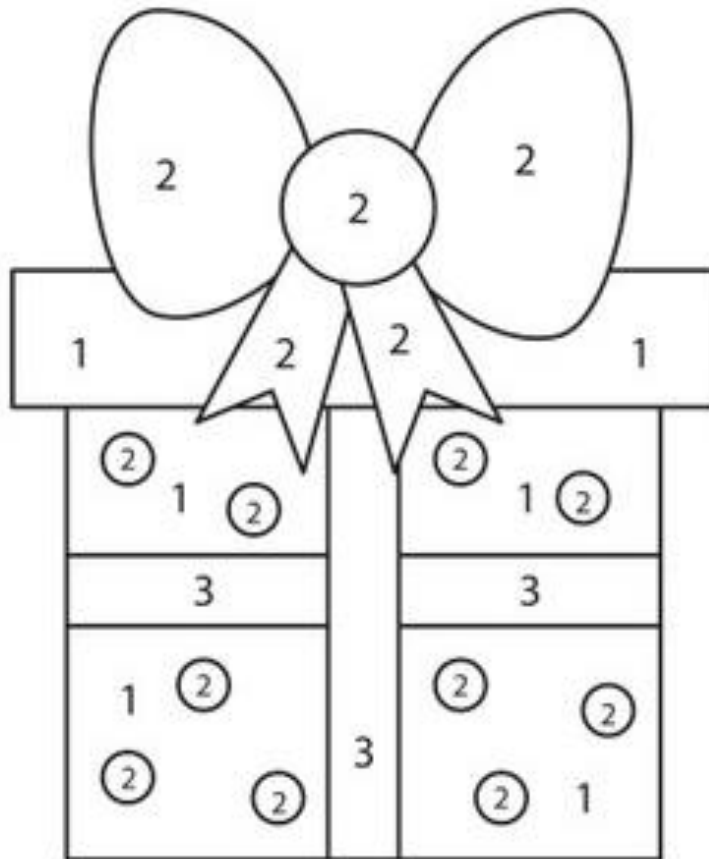
Kind regards,

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Fun Corner





Spot 10 differences





Consistency

By Usha Lamba

"Being consistent is the hardest thing of all," parents inform us. It's true—it's easy to lay down a rule and then let it slide when you're tired or in a hurry.

Your young child learns simple math through a process called repeat and revise. Slowly, she begins to understand that two and two equal four—and then she builds on that knowledge.

Consistency is imperative. Look at it this way: what if two and two didn't always make four? How would your child learn addition if the rules were always changing? If that was the case, she would never know how to solve math equations correctly or adapt her learning to tackle more complex problems. This learning process is called "internalization" because your child takes it from the outside in; it becomes part of her on the inside.

Consistency is one of the main requirements for children to learn how to predict things. In other words, I can predict that two and two equal four.

Can I predict

- how my mother is going to act if I don't eat my lunch?
- how my father will react if I'm late for school?
- how my parents are going to act if I don't do my homework?

Let's face it; predictability is one of our society's foundations—that's why we're disturbed when the trains don't run on time or the post office isn't open. For young children, inconsistency produces anxiety. Think of it this way: what if your boss was nice one day and mean the next? What if she said "good job" to you and then turned around and said "that's unacceptable" after you performed the same task the exact same way?





What You Can Do to Become More Consistent?

Rely on Simple, Concrete Ideas.

Dear parents, please consider the following:

- What time is bedtime?
- What time is bath time?
- What time is study time?
- What are the rewards?
- What are the consequences?

Write down all these answers, read them aloud and incorporate them.

As a parent, you need to rehearse this new information. The process of reading it out loud reinforces your new techniques and rules. Then you put them into practice. The day will come when you don't need to read your list out loud because you'll be living it. It's a simple tool, but it will help you be more consistent.

Remember, parenting, just like childhood, is dynamic and keeps developing. It takes constant readjustments, flexibility and firmness. In the end, there is no "secret" to consistency—it's just your willingness to take the time to stick to the rules you've laid out for your child. The benefits of consistent parenting are that your child will internalize your rules and values over time and learn to do things with simple reminders.

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