

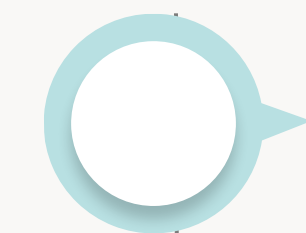


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Montessori Toddler to Primary Transition Guide

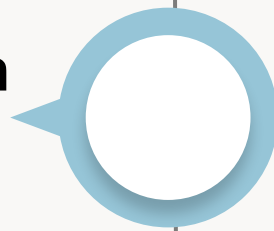
As your child nears the end of their time in the Montessori toddler community (16–36 months), we begin preparing them for a smooth and supportive transition into the Primary classroom (ages 3–6). This transition is a significant step in their Montessori journey, and we aim to make it thoughtful, respectful, and developmentally appropriate.

Below is a step-by-step guide for parents, along with expectations and how we support your child through this important milestone.



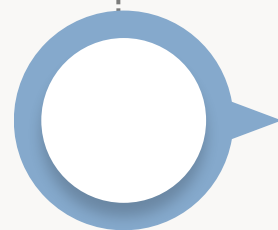
1. Observation & Readiness Assessment

- Teachers assess signs of readiness including toileting independence, verbal expression, focus, and confidence in the toddler environment.
- We begin informal observations and document key developmental milestones.



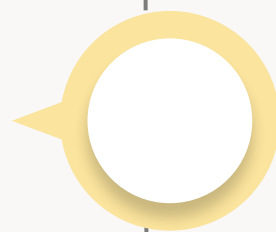
2. Parent Communication

- You will be invited to discuss your child's readiness and any questions about the transition.
- We'll share timelines, classroom expectations, and ways to support the transition at home.



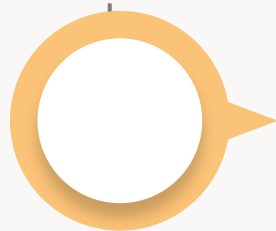
3. Short Primary Visits

- Your child will take short visits to the Primary classroom accompanied by a toddler guide.
- They will meet Primary teachers and explore materials at their own pace.



4. Gradual Integration

- Visits increase in length and frequency, allowing your child to build confidence.
- We observe their comfort level, engagement, and social connection.



5. Full Transition

- Once your child is ready and comfortable, they will transition full-time into the Primary classroom.
- We coordinate with you to ensure the shift feels smooth and supported.



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What You Can Expect from the Primary Environment

- A longer, uninterrupted 2.5-hour morning work cycle
- New materials in math, language, geography, and science
- A greater focus on social-emotional development and peer interaction
- Continued emphasis on independence and responsibility

- Encourage independence with dressing, toileting, and routines
- Support a consistent sleep and meal schedule
- Talk positively about the transition as a “big step” in their growth
- Allow time and space for your child to share their feelings and experiences

How You Can Support at Home

Final Thoughts

Transitions can bring excitement and uncertainty for both children and parents. With patience, collaboration, and thoughtful preparation, your child’s move to the Primary classroom will be a joyful continuation of their Montessori journey.

“The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.” – Maria Montessori