

# Self Evaluation and Reflection

It is important to get in a regular practice of self reflection. It can be helpful to focus your reflection in different ways. Spend some time each day reflecting and/or journaling about some of these questions.

## Presentations

- What went well in the presentation? What would you have changed?
- Were you prepared for the presentation? Were you able to respond to the needs of each child in the presentation?
- How did you ignite the children's imaginations?
- What was the work of the children after the presentation was completed?

## Prepared Environment

- Is your prepared environment complete? Do you have every material listed in your albums?
- Do you have items on your shelves that are not in your albums? Can you provide a pedagogical and developmental reason for having these materials in your environment?
- Is your environment beautiful?

## Observation

- Are you observing for at least ten minutes every day?
- Are you using your observation notes to inform your lesson planning each week?
- Do you notice any patterns in your observations?
  - Does a child favor a particular material, group of students, area of the classroom?
  - Does a child favor a particular group of students? Is this a productive relationship?

## Relationships with Children

- Did you have a meaningful interaction with each child today?
- What did the children reveal about themselves today?
- How did you handle any classroom management issues?

**What makes a good Montessori teacher? How well are these characteristics manifested in your classroom and in you?**

Sense of Community in Classroom

High Quality of Work Evident in Classroom

Strong Understanding of Montessori Philosophy

Strong Understanding of Child Development

Observant

Respectful

Unwavering Faith in the Child's Ability to Self Construct

Ability to Keep Oneself Balanced at Work and at Home