



# Checklist

## For Your Montessori School Visit

Be sure to spend some time in a Montessori classroom as well as in other areas of the school where children are present. **Use this checklist to help you assess the AMI Montessori difference!**

- The environment is organized and attractive.
- The teacher acts as a guide and does very little with the whole group at the front of the room.
- Multi-sensory, hands-on materials are in regular use.
- Each child has an opportunity to choose work that interests.
- The emphasis is on learning by doing and social development rather than drills, memorization, or finding information only to answer specific questions.
- A child may work as long as they want on an interesting challenge without being stopped by a bell.
- The child is allowed to choose a favorite spot to work instead of being restricted to a desk and seat.
- Children are encouraged to teach, collaborate, and help each other.
- The children have a regular opportunity to work with children of different ages.
- The teachers and staff show respect for the children.
- Children are respectful of the teacher and the environment.
- The school encourages internal self-discipline rather than the teacher acting as primary enforcer of rules.
- Learning is its own reward, not motivated by prizes and extrinsic rewards.
- The children are calm, concentrated, and joyful.