



Virginia Center for Montessori Studies

WINTER Workshops

Saturday and Sunday, February 3-4, 2018

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS / 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Option 1 *Introductory to Positive Discipline (ALL) -- Vicki Turnamian*

How do the principles of Positive Discipline apply to managing a Montessori classroom? Join us to learn about the basic principles that drive the strategies presented in Positive Discipline training. This workshop is an overview of Positive Discipline and does not replace official Positive Discipline Training, but will provide a foundation of the concepts and how to apply them.

Option 2 *Beyond the Puzzle Maps: Exploring Mapping with Early Childhood (EC) -- Kelley Granger*

Directionality, left and right, and understanding maps as models of our world is a cornerstone to understanding geography. There are many ways to make these mapping concepts concrete. This hands-on, make and take workshop will present activities and ideas to expand practical geography experiences into a child's daily world. Each participant will make their own mapping activity to introduce in their Early Childhood classroom.

Option 3 *Children in Transition: Preparing the Emotional Elementary Environment (EL) -- Natasha Siva*

Six and seven year olds are entering a new stage of their development and the transition from early childhood to elementary is a new mountain to climb. Students strive for independence and peer relationships; and while they may be more confident academically and physically, young elementary children need emotional security and support. This workshop will address the challenges and present strategies for working with these children in transition.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS / 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Option 1 *Intro to Montessori: Early Childhood -- (All interested in EC Training) M. MacIntosh & M. Mohar*

This session is \$25 per participant. This payment will be included as part of the application fee for those enrolling in our 2018-2020 Early Childhood training program.

After 100 years educating children in thousands of schools worldwide, the Montessori Method finds relevance today and into the future. If you are thinking about Montessori as a career, desire to understand Montessori as a child development professional, or interested in learning about Montessori as a parent, this workshop is for you. We will explore the questions: Why become a Montessori professional? What are the principles of the Montessori Method? What is the current research supporting Montessori education? Why send our child to a Montessori school? Find the answers to these questions and ask your own by attending this session.

Option 2 *Creating Hands On Science Experiences (EC) -- Kelley Granger*

Children are explorers and the world of science is full of new experiences! This workshop is ideal for new teachers, veteran teachers looking to freshen their science curriculum, and anyone whose science area is ready for expansion. Leave the workshop with all the strategies you need to grow your science curriculum. Several examples for science units will be shared and opportunities to practice organizing a unit will be included.

Option 3 *The Scientific Method Lower through Upper Elementary (EL) -- Lisa Blackford*

Elementary children have a wonderful curiosity about the world and love to learn. This workshop will expand upon the representative biology lessons from lower elementary through upper elementary. Demonstrations for extensions will be shared that will enliven learning and offer a range of follow up activities to engage the students in the scientific method. These activities will incorporate higher order thinking and stimulate the children's explorations.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSIONS / 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Option 1 Authentic Montessori Toddler Environments (IT) -- Michele Mohar

Montessori Infant and Toddler Programs have grown and evolved over the years and keeping up with the growth of this earliest Montessori level is valuable. This workshop will present the most current Montessori principles and practices for the Infant Toddler Environment. The participants will gain a refreshed perspective they can use to assess their own environments. The Montessori community continues to learn from research about these young children in their formative years and the shared experiences of Montessori experts guide our application of new knowledge with Montessori proven practices.

Option 2 Literature in the Early Childhood Classroom (EC) -- Mary Freed

Children are drawn to books like magnets to each other. This workshop will help you select all types of literature for your Montessori classroom. An overview of Montessori's views of the child in relation to appropriate literature choices and the uses in a Montessori early childhood environment will be explored. Come and explore the presentation, demonstration and discussion of materials and techniques. Examples of books, tools and materials related to other literacies will also be presented.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS / 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Option 1

Materials in the Toddler Environment – Meeting the Needs of the Child (IT) Michele Mohar

Montessori created very few materials specifically for infant and toddler environments. How do we make selections that meet the needs of those in our individual classes? It is a big question that has many different answers. This workshop will help you assess the materials available to your infants and toddlers and guide decisions about what to include and what to avoid in your infant and toddler environments.

Option 2

Early Childhood: Do All Poems Rhyme? Language Experience & Creative Expression (EC) Mary MacIntosh

Poetry is visual, musical and playful; and tickles the child's imagination. The workshop will explain the *Language Experience* approach to creative expression and demonstrate a process that engages children to discover their inner poet. The procedures highlight a guided method that results in children's illustrated poems.

Lunch is on your own, both days between 12:00 and 1:00 pm. Many local restaurant options are available. Participants are also welcome to bring their lunch. A refrigerator and plenty of seating is available.

Each session is \$75 per person. A day is \$150 per person.

A 10% discount is offered to schools sending 3 or more participants. All workshops are held at our address below. Please register by Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Checks may be sent at time of registration to:

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