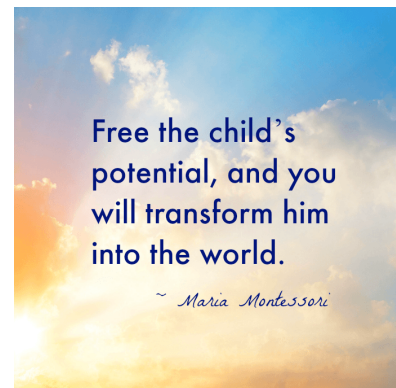




## The Montessori Mix

When I started writing a short note to the parents earlier this week about “National Early Childhood Educators Week” and how tremendously lucky we are at Making Roots to have such a skilled and dedicated team, I stopped myself to really consider this. In that moment I couldn’t help but reflect on how good it feels on the days I am fortunate enough to be with the teachers in the classroom teaching. I am reminded of the moments when I look around and see children so happily engaged in their work, the magic of Montessori unfolding. I know this is setting the foundation for so much more to come in our program and their lives outside these walls. It is so unbelievably special to see how much the children evolve each and every week, I feel as if I am a part of something so much bigger. I cannot find the words to express the joy I received when a child asked me, “Will you come Ms. Megan?” As she took my hand and led me to the language area, I wondered what this precious little child could possibly want to share with me. As she sat beside her teacher she sounded out C-A-T, cat. She beamed, I was overcome with emotions. “Ms. Megan, I can read!” I have learned in my many years teaching that the gold star, although it can be useful, is nowhere near, in my opinion, as intrinsically rewarding as saying to this little person, “And how does that make you feel?” and having her respond, elated, “I am so happy and I am proud of my work!” It was followed by tremendous excitement about joining the reading club, which she has seen her older peers be a part of. This is what I refer to as the Montessori Mix. Take a nurturing, prepared environment, a mixed aged classroom, a trained, devoted Montessori Teacher Guide, a child who is full of potential, and the right amount love, and you would be amazed at what grows. I have always said I don’t believe you can make a Montessori teacher, it lies within us. It exists there in the depth of our being and if we are fortunate enough, we humbly embark on the journey and find the path in our lives to unearth it.



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