



# Grandparents & Montessori: A Quick Guide for Supporting Your Grandchild in a Montessori Way

## Your Role Matters

Grandparents provide love, stability, stories, and wisdom. Research shows that children with engaged grandparents experience stronger emotional health and resilience. You are an essential part of your grandchild's "village."

## Montessori in a Nutshell

- **Children are capable:** They want to do real things in real ways.
- **Independence builds confidence:** Let them try!
- **The environment teaches:** A simple, orderly space supports learning.
- **Respect guides everything:** We observe, listen, and avoid rushing children.
- **Learning happens through doing:** Everyday tasks are meaningful Montessori work.

## Simple Ways Grandparents Can Support Montessori

### 1. Encourage Independence

- Let the child help cook, sweep, pour, carry, fold.
- Slow down so they can participate.
- Offer just enough help.

### 2. Use Montessori-Friendly Language

- Offer choices: "Green cup or blue?"
- Notice effort: "You worked so carefully."
- Describe what you see rather than judging..

### **3. Create a Simple Space**

- One low hook for their coat
- A basket for books
- A small shelf with a few activities
- A stool to reach the sink

### **4. Support Emotional Growth**

- Acknowledge feelings
- Stay calm and model patience
- Give chances to try again

### **5. Ask Parents What Matters Most**

- Choose 2–3 shared priorities
- Communicate warmly and honestly
- Focus on harmony, not perfection

## **Your Special Gifts**

Grandparents offer:

- Traditions
- Stories
- Recipes
- Nature experiences
- Unhurried time
- Deep, steady love

These gifts are profoundly Montessori — and profoundly meaningful.

## **Thank You**

Your presence enriches your grandchild's development and strengthens our school community. Thank you for partnering with us in nurturing confident, joyful, capable children.