



Maine Montessori Association

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**93 Center Street, Nobleboro, ME 04555
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Brushing up on the Montessori Language Curriculum

Friday, October 16, 2009

Primary Language Workshop (Instructor Michelle Vogel)

The Montessori curriculum offers a solid **phonetic** approach as well as many **whole language** activities for the children to support their development in reading and writing. The children work and learn best in this **balanced literacy environment**. They need many opportunities to practice reading and writing just as they practiced walking and talking. Activities that focus on the **meaning** of written material, which is why we all read and write, provide the children with the drive and confidence needed for their journey. We will begin the morning with an overview of a traditional Montessori language area. Presentations on some of the materials and ideas for extending and varying their use will be discussed. We will also review the stages of and key experiences for **Emerging Literacy**. A variety of hands-on activities will be provided, including Story Stretches, Story Retelling, Author Stories, Book Making, and Poetry. **Please plan to bring photographs of your classroom and shelves (close ups so you can see the materials on each one) and a favorite children's poem to share. A typed version with 25 copies will be appreciated.** You will then leave with approximately 24 new poems, many resources for reading and writing development, and literacy ideas to put into use in your own classroom with very little preparation time.

Michelle Vogel is the owner and director of the Winfield Children's House in Falmouth. She is also a director and teacher trainer for the Maine Montessori Institute, a MACTE accredited AMS Early Childhood Teacher Education Program. She has been teaching, directing and training in the Montessori field for over 20 years. Michelle has her BA in Psychology and Elementary Education, received her 3-6 Montessori credentials from the Northeast Montessori Institute, attended Seacoast Center for her 6-9 teacher training, and completed many courses in Literacy and School Administration at USM and UNE.

Or

Elementary Language Workshop (Instructor Marlane Bottino)

Participants will be introduced to materials and methods used to teach a phonetic approach to spelling that also supports reading, vocabulary and writing. We will use the moveable alphabet as well as a variety of games. In the afternoon, participants will learn a variety of methods to help elementary students write complete sentences and organized paragraphs, the building blocks of writing. Then the presenter will share materials and activities she has used to teach expository writing in a variety of forms: letters, news articles, research reports and book reports.

Marlane Bottino is a graduate of the Center for Montessori Teacher Education/NY (Elementary, 6-9) and the University of Connecticut (M.A. History/Education). She is the co-Head teacher of the Elementary classroom of Brixham Montessori Friends School in York, ME where she has worked for nine years. Previously she taught in Connecticut where she wrote a series of spelling books for ages 6 to 12. She has sold these books to Montessori schools across the country since 1989.

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- Location:** Damariscotta Montessori School, Nobleboro, ME
- Date:** Friday, October 16, 2009
- Time:** 8:30 to 3:30 (both workshops will run simultaneously)
- Fee:** \$90/\$67 for MMA Members (lunch included)

Directions to the Damariscotta Montessori School, Nobleboro, ME (Phone: 563-2168)

Coming North:

Take 295 North to Exit 28 (Route 1 North)

Take Route 1 North and travel 29.2 miles (pass first and second Damariscotta exits).

Take first left after second Damariscotta exit onto Center Street in Nobleboro (Reunion Station Restaurant on corner).

Travel 2.3 miles to Damariscotta Montessori School (on left).

Coming South on Route 1

From Moody's Diner travel 5.4 miles.

Take right onto Center Street in Nobleboro (not a sharp right, almost a fork).

Travel 0.5 miles to Damariscotta Montessori School (on right).

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REGISTRATION FORM

(please use one form per registrant)

Primary Workshop

Fee: \$90/67 MMA Member (lunch included)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School Affiliation (if any) _____

Are you (or your school) a MMA member? _____

Or

Elementary Workshop

Fee: \$90/67 MMA Member (lunch included)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School Affiliation (if any) _____

Are you (or your school) a MMA member? _____

Checks are payable to *Maine Montessori Association*

Total enclosed = _____

Please submit this registration form and fees by October 5, 2009** to:

Joe Alex, Treasurer

Maine Montessori Association

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Old Town, ME 04468

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** Pre-Registration by this date is essential for ordering handouts, materials, and an accurate count for lunch. Thank you.

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