

The Very Hungry Montessorian

In the light of the moon
A little person lay on their bed.
One Sunday morning the warm sun came up
And hop
Out of the bed jumped a wide awake very hungry Montessorian
They started to implement Montessori's philosophy.

On Monday they read through chapter 27 of *the Absorbent Mind*,
but they were still hungry
On Tuesday they read through chapter 2 of *the Secret of Childhood*,
but they were still hungry
On Wednesday they read through chapter 6 of *the Discovery of the Child*,
but they were still hungry
On Thursday they read through from chapter 3 of *From Childhood to Adolescence*,
but they were still hungry
On Friday they read through chapter 3 of *Education and Peace*,
but they were still hungry.

On Saturday they read through 1 *California Lecture*, 2 *London Lectures*, 3 pages of *Montessori Sails to America*, 4 pages of *Montessori Writes to her Father*, and 5 pages of *Education for a New World*.

That night they had a headache!

The next day was Sunday again and the Montessorian read through chapter 5 of the *Child, Society, and the World* and after that they felt much better.

They weren't that hungry anymore and they weren't a little Montessorian anymore.

They were a very knowledgeable Montessorian.

They built a *Children's House* around themselves.

They stayed there for many years and nibbled continually at Montessori knowledge.

When they popped out of their prepared environment, they realised they were a beautiful butterfly.



“...you cannot give help without knowledge...”

Montessori, M. (1946/2012). *The 1946 London Lectures*, p. 67. Montessori-Pierson Publishing

The Very Hungry Montessorian's Readings

Chapter 27 of *the Absorbent Mind*:
The teacher's preparation

Chapter 2 of *the Secret of Childhood*:
The spiritual embryo

Chapter 6 of *the Discovery of the Child*:
The material for development

Chapter 3 of *From Childhood to Adolescence*:
The moral characteristics of the child from 7 to 12 years.

Chapter 3 of *Education and Peace*:
Educate for peace.

California Lectures in 1915:
Discusses educational techniques and health issues concerning children... and the development of Montessori's educational theories and methods.

1946 London Lectures:
These lectures were to become the foundation of all AMI 3-6 courses.

Montessori Sails to America:
Diary Montessori kept during her 1913 sea journey from Naples to New York.

Montessori Writes to her Father:
Letters written by Montessori during the 8 months she spent in California in 1915

Education for a New World:
A book Montessori wrote to "help teachers change their task from drudgery to joy, from repression to collaboration with nature" (p. 1)

Chapter 5 of the *Child, Society, and the World*:
The principles of the Montessori school

