

## Montessori at a Glance

### *Traditional Classroom*

Textbooks  
Pencil & paper  
Worksheets



Working & learning without emphasis  
on social development



Narrow, unit-driven curriculum



Individual subjects



Block time, period lessons



Single-graded classrooms



Students passive, quiet, in desks



Students fit mold of school



Students leave for special help



Product –focused report cards.



### *Montessori Environment*

Prepared kinesthetic materials with incorporated  
control of error. Specially developed reference  
materials.

Working and learning matched to the social  
development of the child

Unified, internationally developed curriculum

Integrated subjects and learning based on  
developmental psychology

Uninterrupted work cycles

Multi-aged classrooms

Students active, talking, with periods of spontaneous  
quiet, freedom to move

School meets needs of students

Special help comes to students

Process-focused assessment, skills checklists, mastery  
benchmarks.

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