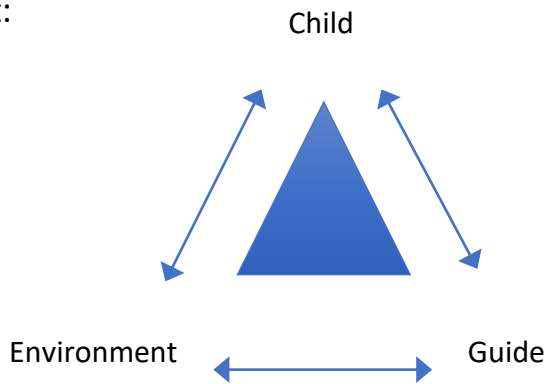


Montessori Moment Week #3

Prepared Environment – part 1

“The first aim of the prepared environment is, as far as it is possible, to render the growing child independent of the adult.” – Maria Montessori

Here is a visual often used to explain the interaction of child, guide (teacher), and the prepared environment:



In other words, the child chooses to interact with what has been carefully prepared by the guide(s). The guide offers the child support and instruction as needed. Through observation, the guide adjusts the environment according to the needs of the child.