
2016 EsF Reading Group Summary

Reading and reflection is an important part of an EsF Assembly. Following is a short summary of a group discussion on the following text.

Working Towards Unity

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After going through this reading the points that we came out with are:

- Learn from others; although we come into contacts as Montessorians our worries are more in difference rather than homogeneity. And within a framework of Universal laws of human development we nurture the individual as an intrinsic entity rather than an element that must be moulded to fit a preconceived pattern. It's because of the issue of the Universality that makes us to be apart but for the sake of the child we cannot stand a lone. A child cannot reach independence unless we ourselves are deeply aware of the fundamental unity that binds us all.
- Appreciating others because we build a community dedicated to educate a child as an aid to life in a prepared environment which Montessori said; "The love of ones environment is the secret of all man's progress the secret of social evolution and the environment should embrace the totality of our biosphere and its inhabitants.
- Respecting others; the Darwin's lesson is very clear that "There will be no humans elsewhere only here. Only on this small planet. We are rare as well as an endangered species. Every one of us in the cosmic perspective, precious. If human disagrees with you, let him live. In a hundred billion galaxies, you will not find another.
- All that we should remember is that although were coming from different societies with cultural background and having many Montessori Organizations our main focus should be THE CHILD. Taking Australia as an example that they come together and share what they have in regards of the child. Montessori many times said "Do not look to me for leadership do not look to a method for solutions to educational problems, look at the child...follow the child". In Education and Peace she says;- One truth must be repeated again and again. the child alone can reveal to us the secrets of the spiritual life of man...The child spiritual embryo revels himself to us adults in order to guide us through the labyrinth".