

“We did not come forward to promote the progress of our pedagogical work. We rose in defense of the child.”

“Said a wise old Roman to his son: “Make certain your undertakings are based upon a solid rock of proven worth.”

“In a world of change, cling to that which endures.”

“Plan as though you are going to live forever (and) live as though you are going to die today.”

Muhammad

“If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up in mine, then let us work together.”

“It is in the very heart of our activity we search for our goal.”

Rabindranath Tagore

“The word ‘duty’ implies compulsion

The word ‘responsibility implies freedom

Duties lead one to demand rightfully

Responsibilities lead one to command respectfully

Sense of duty is out of attachment

Sense of responsibility is out of love

Duties can be thrust upon others

Responsibilities are taken up by oneself

There can be unwillingness in performing one’s duty

Responsibility is always taken up willingly.”

Maa Purnananda

“If we wish to be understood, adopt and implement education as an aid to life. Then it is the blitheness in our own spirit that we should seek to mature in our dealings with children .”

“Joy is seldom considered in any serious discussion on education. Yet one of the greatest privileges of being human is that the acquisition of knowledge, of understanding of awareness at all levels of perception is a limitless source of rejoicing.”

Renilde Montessori

“Children are not the people of tomorrow but people today. They are entitled to be taken seriously. They have a right to be treated by adults with tenderness and respect, as equals.”

Janusz Korczak

“To defer to a second language is to reorder one’s mind. The internal links between topography, weather, way-finding, and spirit become lost horizons.”

Gretel

Ehrlich

“The weather, the weather,
the weather, the weather,
We’ll weather the weather
Whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.”

Bread and Puppet Theatre

“Two ways to travel:

Start – and reach your destination. You will arrive but not know how you reached your goal.

Start and struggle on the road – You may or may not reach your goal, but the transformation was the journey.

Find a companion who will share your travels....

All journeys begin with one step, but you can take the step together."

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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Dipika says, "Hope must always have a strategy!"

Dr. Montessori said in her book Education and Peace

"All humanity that works for the common good, even though it must be unaware of it, is creating the new world that must be the world of peace. The great efforts of human kind who have laboured, made discoveries, studied and suffered – all the work of human kind seem to have one common purpose in the world that will be the world of peace. ... Human beings are better than they appear to be. Indeed, human beings impress me as being extremely good and charitable, but they practice goodness and charity so unconsciously that human kind does not realise that it possesses these virtues. It might be said that human strife and the inability to understand one another are surface phenomena, and that beneath the surface there have been immeasurable depths of goodness and sacrifice in human hearts throughout the age, a goodness and a spirit of sacrifice that history has hidden and of which humanity is unaware"

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