

The Montessori Toddler

Creating learning possibilities

It is every parent's desire to have the best start in life for their child, and sometimes we are just not sure of how to go about it. There is a wealth of information out there and of course "google" is just a click away! However, Shajarah Islamic Family Day Care is hosting an interactive workshop where parents, and interested parties will be able to explore learning possibilities for their babies and toddlers and be able to get a hands on experience to enhance their child's learning journey.



"Play with them (Children) for seven (years), teach them manners for seven (years) and let them enjoy your friendship for seven years (Umar ibn al-Khattaab). This profound saying emphasises the importance of early childhood education which is incumbent upon us as parents and educators for the well being of our future generation!



"Learning is not the product of teaching, Learning is the product of human activity" (John Holt). This saying could not be more apt as it describes the essence of a child's absorption from the environment. Babies and toddlers constantly use materials to learn about the world around them, to explore questions and to represent their thinking. Their initial experience is to examine the properties and functions of materials. As young children get more familiar with how objects can represent ideas and concepts, they begin to intentionally use materials for a purpose.



To extend on children's learning and play experiences, it is valuable to offer a collection of play and learning materials that lend themselves to many uses and extended investigations. When babies and toddlers demonstrate an interest in an idea or concept, the provision of different materials to extend their exploration helps them to make further connections and build on their ideas. Babies and toddlers are able to represent their current thinking and increase their skills and thus open up new opportunities for exploring new ideas. As stated by Maria Montessori "the child learns unconsciously by taking in everything around him and actually constructs himself," much like an "absorbent sponge" and together with his "sensitive periods", otherwise referred to as "windows of opportunity" (which are those special times in his life when he easily incorporates a particular ability into his schema through repetition), he engages in this process.

Date:-3rd June 2015

Time:-11.00am-12.00pm

Venue:-Shajarah Islamic Family Day Care office

1427 Beenleigh Road, Kuraby (Opposite the Kuraby Masjid)

Cost:-\$10.00

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Please reserve your bookings by Monday 1st June as we have limited spaces available.

