

Monthly Tip for the Montessori Parent

“Parent help on school projects”

The students in the UE classes will construct several big projects throughout the three year cycle. The ultimate goal isn't how beautiful the project is; it's the lesson the students learn about taking the necessary steps - from research to presentation - to reach the end result. Parents play an important role in this process. One way parents can achieve that goal is by coaching their child through the steps of a project from start to finish. Here's some thoughtful advice on how to help your child do their best:

- Plan out a schedule with your child with times and days for getting each part of the project done.
- Take your child to the library. Teach them how to use the catalog to search for books.
- Suggest search keywords for computer research. Help them print out the information that they find.
- Ask questions about the way your child is organizing their projects. Point out places where things seem confusing.
- Edit your child's work by pointing out spelling/grammar errors, sentences that are unclear, etc.
- Discuss with your child what supplies might need to be purchased, like a 3-fold display board and art materials.
- Ask questions about how your child is choosing to arrange things, about information included, etc.
- Observe, advise, and help with things that your child can't do by themselves, such as driving to places or handling any power tools.

Material of the month - Language: Word Study (Montessori Skyscraper)

Picking up from where the LE Word Study leaves off, the UE word study offers more advanced concepts. It presents far more advanced concepts that will give your students a better understanding of the English language. The study is designed to provide your students with a solid foundation on the following concepts: Homonyms, Euphemisms, Acronyms, Foreign words used in the English language, Word roots, Analogies, Eponyms, Personifications, Commonly misused words, Hyperboles, Assonance/Consonance, Simile/Metaphors, Idioms, Alliterations,



Onomatopoeia, and Homographs.

