

Favorite Quotes by Maria Montessori

“And so we discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being.”

“Adults work to finish a task, but the child works in order to grow, and is working to create the adult, the person that is to be.”

“We must support as much as possible the child’s desires for activity; not wait on him, but educate him to be independent.”

“Free the child’s potential, and you will transform him into the world.”

“Our goal is not so much the imparting of knowledge as the unveiling and developing of spiritual energy.”

“That humanity which is revealed in its entire intellectual splendor during the sweet and tender age of childhood should be respected with a kind of religious veneration. It is like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom. Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to open up himself to life.”

“Let us leave the life free to develop within the limits of the good, and let us observe this inner life developing. This is the whole of our mission.”

“The greatest sign of success for a teacher. . . is to be able to say, ‘The children are now working as if I did not exist.’”