

The Library Corner

In every Montessori classroom you will find a reading corner that is a cozy space for children and features a comfortable chair, adequate lighting and a limited supply of quality picture books that are inviting for the children. It is important to consider how the books are displayed, rotating them often and making sure they face forward so that the child has a clear view of the cover of the book.

From the first days of class, this spot should be conducive for quietness. When the children are overwhelmed and in new surroundings, this space that is created is often the spot the children retreat, to find comfort, ponder the pictures in silence and solitude and permits them slightly away from the rest of the classroom flow.

The child should be shown how to carefully handle a book, how to remove it from the shelf, how to gently turn the pages and how to return the book to its original spot on the shelf.

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