

# Organizing Primary Montessori Presentations

Below is just one of many possible ways to organize the primary Montessori experiences (primary being ages 2.5-6 years of age, or the developmental equivalent). Eight intervals across the 3.5-4 years of Primary Montessori (a child could potentially be in primary from the age of 2.5 until almost 6.5).

Each individual child might be ahead/behind in particular areas (i.e. sensorial language skills) but these are roughly where the pieces fit.

NOTE the mentioning of the same heading in various areas - each of these items/experiences has many layers to it. Indeed most of what is below has many layers even within a particular interval.

As defined here, an interval is approximately a 6-month span of time when a child begins at 2 1/2 years of age. If/when a child starts later, then we begin with the first interval and proceed *at the child's pace* (which is what we do anyway - it just means that it might be faster; or it is ok if a child does take a full 6 months).

A child entering primary at age 5 or older? Please contact Jessica at Jessica at Keys of the Universe dot com for guidance.



## Primary Montessori: Suggested Order of Presentations

Follow your child's needs and interests. Within each level (interval) provided here, there are few pre-requisites; generally any pre-reqs refer to something in the previous interval. Refer to the album pages for details how to present as well as what to present or invite work on for each age. Older children entering Montessori will move more quickly through some areas. That is fine. Or slower. That is fine too. For a typically developing 2.5 year old just beginning, these levels approximate 6-month increments, with notes of what will take longer.

Anything noted as "Cont" means "Continue into the next interval or even beyond – continue as needed for that child." With that said, almost everything can be continued for any duration or in extension work or interests – do not be limited by this scope and sequence, but freed to focus on developmentally appropriate activities for your child, providing you time to encourage interests and family experiences.

Recall too that the practical life presentations are not limited to what is listed here. Add practical life and art and outdoor activities as are appropriate to your children. The **albums you follow** will have additional suggestions as well as guidelines for appropriate additions.

NOTE that these presentations each contain a series of layers (extensions, games, exercises, follow-ups) that are designed to be given in a particular sequence, at particular readiness-ages – some earlier, some later. Please refer to your album pages for the specifics.

## **First Interval: Entrance into Primary Montessori**

EPL: Control of Movement	Walking on the Line	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Orientation Game	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Naming Objects in the Environment	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Collecting Classified Objects	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Classified Cards	Continue until reading
Spoken: Language Development	Storytelling	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Reading and Books in the Library	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Poems	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Conversation	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Conversation	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Question Game	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Cultural Folders	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Extension: fictional story telling	Cont
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Carry a Working Mat	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Place a Pitcher	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Carry a Tray	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Roll a Working Mat	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Put Down a Chair	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Sit On a Chair at a Table	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Fold Napkins	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Pour Grain	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Pour Water	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Fold a Dust-cloth to Put Away	
EPL: Preliminary Exercises	How to Fold a Dust-cloth to Dust	
EPL: Care of Self	Snap Frame	
EPL: Care of Self	Hook and Eye Frame	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Dust a Table	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Use a Dustpan and Brush	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Sweep	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Wipe Up a Spill	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Dust Leaves	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Make Lemon Water	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Walk Around A Mat	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Introduce Yourself	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Apologize	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Observe	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Draw Attention	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Accept a Compliment	

EPL: Grace and Courtesy	How to Blow Your Nose	
EPL: Grace and Courtesy	Own Grace and Courtesy	
Writing	Sound Games	Cont
Language Extension	How to Teach a Song	Cont

## Second Interval

Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Practical Life Objects	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Parts of an Object	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Language of the Sensorial Materials	Cont
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Three Period Lesson	Cont
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Related Objects Game	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Description/Definition Game	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Stories - Biological Classifications	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Sorting Game - Biology Classifications	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Nomenclature Cards - Scientific	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Life Cycles	
Spoken: Vocabulary Enrichment	Oral Language Games	
Spoken: Language Development	Land and Water Form Folders	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Land and Water Form Outline Maps	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Biome Folders	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	Art Folders	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	How to Wash Hands	
EPL: Care of Self	How to Polish Shoes	
EPL: Care of Self	Button Frame	
EPL: Care of Self	Buckle Frame	
EPL: Care of Self	Zipper Frame	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Polish Glass	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Care for Plants	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Polish Wood	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Wash a Table	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Wash Cloths	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Iron	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Arrange Flowers	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Wash Fruits and Vegetables	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Bake	
EPL: Control of Movement	The Silence Activity	Cont
EPL: Visual Art	Rubbings (Exploration of Texture)	

EPL: Visual Art	Cutting - Snipping	
EPL: Visual Art	Cutting - Lines	
EPL: Visual Art	Cutting and Gluing (Exploration of Space)	
EPL: Visual Art	Painting (Exploration of Color)	
EPL: Visual Art	Sculpting (Exploration of Form)	
EPL: Visual Art	Beginning Sewing	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Cylinder Blocks	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Pink Tower	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Brown Stair	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Red Rods	
Sensorial: Visual - Color	Color Tablets Box I	
Sensorial: Visual - Color	Color Tablets Box II	
Sensorial: Visual - Color	Color Tablets Box III	
Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Geometry Cabinet	Cont
Sensorial: Visual - Combined	Binomial Cube	
Sensorial: Tactile	Sensitizing Fingers	
Sensorial: Tactile	Touch Boards	
Sensorial: Tactile	Touch Tablets	
Sensorial: Tactile	Blindfold	
Sensorial: Tactile	Fabrics	
Sensorial: Baric	Baric Tablets	
Sensorial: Gustatory	Tasting Bottles	
Sensorial: Auditory	Bells	Cont
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Sandpaper Globe	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Continents Globe	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	World Puzzle Map	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Continent Puzzle Map	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	United States Puzzle Map	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Land and Water Forms	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Oceans Globe	Cont
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Flags	Cont
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Climatic Zones	Cont
Writing	Sound Games	Cont
Writing	Sandpaper Letters	
Writing	Sandpaper Phonograms	
Writing	Metal Insets	
Writing - Art of Handwriting	Book Making	Cont
Language Extension	Plant Study	Cont

## Third Interval

Spoken: Language Development	Land and Water Form Outline Maps:	Cont
Spoken: Language Development	My State	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	Bow Frame	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	Lacing Frame - V Pattern	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	Lacing Frame - X Pattern	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	Lacing Frame - Linear Pattern	Cont
EPL: Care of Self	Safety Pin Frame	Cont
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Polish Metal	
EPL: Care of the Environment	How to Peel & Cut Fruits and Vegetables	Cont
EPL: Visual Art	Contour Drawing with Crayon (Exploration of Line)	
EPL: Visual Art	Drawing with Colored Pencils	
EPL: Visual Art	Sewing a Button	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Cylinder Blocks	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Pink Tower	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Brown Stair	
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Red Rods	
Sensorial: Visual - Color	Color Tablets Box III	
Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Geometry Cabinet	
Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Geometry Cards	Cont
Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Leaf Cabinet	Cont
Sensorial: Visual - Combined	Trinomial Cube	Cont
Sensorial: Tactile	Touch Tablets	
Sensorial: Tactile	Trinomial Cube	
Sensorial: Tactile	Fabrics	
Sensorial: Baric	Baric Tablets	
Sensorial: Thermic	Thermic Bottles	Cont
Sensorial: Thermic	Thermic Tablets	
Sensorial: Gustatory	Tasting Bottles	
Sensorial: Olfactory	Smelling Bottles	
Sensorial: Auditory	Sound Cylinders	
Sensorial: Auditory	Bells	
Sensorial: Stereognostic	Geometry Solids	
Sensorial: Stereognostic	Stereognostic Bags	Cont
Sensorial: Stereognostic	Mystery Bag	Cont
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Continent Puzzle Map	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	United States Puzzle Map	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Climatic Zones	
Sensorial Aspects of the World	Climatic Zones	

Writing

Writing

Writing

Writing

Sound Games

Sandpaper Letters

Sandpaper Phonograms

Small Metal Insets

## Fourth Interval

Spoken: Language Development

Sensorial: Visual - Shape

Sensorial: Visual - Shape

Sensorial: Visual - Shape

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Visual - Combined

Sensorial: Thermic

Sensorial: Auditory

Sensorial: Auditory

Sensorial: Stereognostic

Writing

Writing

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Writing - Art of Handwriting

Musical Expression

Musical Expression

Musical Expression

Language Extension

Language Extension

Mathematics: Numbers 1-10

Mathematics: Numbers 1-10

Land and Water Form Outline Maps

Geometry Cabinet

Geometry Cabinet Cards

Leaf Cabinet Cards

Constructive Triangles

Rectangular Box A

Rectangular Box B

Triangular Box

Large Hexagonal Box

Small Hexagonal Box

12 Blue Triangles

Graded Geometric Figures

Decanomial Square

Thermic Tablets

Sound Cylinders

Bells

Geometry Solids

Movable Alphabet:

Map Making

Sand Tray

Chalkboards

Paper Material

Initial Strokes

Green Boards (Initial strokes)

Handwriting Charts - 5

Notation with the Bells

Note Names with the Bells

Reading Music

Clapping - Rhythm

Plant Experiments

Number Rods

Sandpaper Numerals (cyphers)

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Mathematics: Numbers 1-10	Number Rods and Cards
Mathematics: Numbers 1-10	Spindle Boxes
Mathematics: Numbers 1-10	Zero Activity
Mathematics: Numbers 1-10	Cards and Counters
Mathematics: Numbers 1-10	Memory Game of Numbers (Chit Game)

## **Fifth Interval**

EPL: Visual Art	Advanced Cutting	
EPL: Visual Art	Advanced Sewing - Running Stitch	
EPL: Visual Art	Sewing a Pillow (Student's Own Presentation)	
Sensorial: Visual - Combined	Decanomial Square	Cont
Sensorial: Visual - Combined	Decanomial Square	Cont
Sensorial: Visual - Dimension	Knobless Cylinders	
Sensorial: Auditory	Bells	
Writing	Movable Alphabet	
Reading: Phonetic Reading	Phonetic Object Box	
Reading: Phonetic Reading	Phonetic Reading Cards	
Reading: Phonetic Reading	Phonetic Reading Commands	
Reading: Phonetic Reading	Phonetic Booklets	
Reading: Phonetic Reading	Rhyming Words	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Object Box and Alphabet Boxes	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Shadow Box	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Booklets -	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Cards	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Alphabet Exploration	
Reading: Phonograms	Phonogram Commands	
Reading: Puzzle Words	Puzzle Words	
Musical Expression	Staff, Ledger Lines, G-Clef	
Musical Expression	Note Names on the Numbered Staff Board	
Musical Expression	Note Names on the Unmarked Staff Board	
Musical Expression	Unmarked Staff Boards - Parallel Exercise 1: Matching Cards with Bells	
Musical Expression	Unmarked Staff Boards - Parallel Exercise 2: Nomenclature Cards	
Musical Expression	Unmarked Staff Boards - Parallel Exercise 3: Grading	
Musical Expression	Composing on the Bells	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Introduction to the Bead Material	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Introduction to the Card Material	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Formation of Numbers	

Mathematics: Decimal System	Change Game	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Addition with the Golden Beads	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Subtraction with the Golden Beads	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Multiplication with the Golden Beads	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Division with the Golden Beads	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Stamp Game Addition	Cont
Mathematics: Decimal System	Stamp Game Subtraction	Cont
Mathematics: Decimal System	Stamp Game Multiplication	Cont
Mathematics: Decimal System	Stamp Game Division	Cont
Mathematics: Counting	Teens Stage I: Teen Boards 11-19	
Mathematics: Counting	Teens Stage II: Teen Boards 11-19	
Mathematics: Counting	Teens Stage III: Teen Beads and Boards 11-99	
Mathematics: Counting	Tens Stage I: Tens Boards 10-90	
Mathematics: Counting	Tens Stage II: Tens Beads and Boards 10-90	
Mathematics: Counting	Tens Stage III: Tens Beads and Boards 11-99	

## *Sixth Interval*

Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Geometry Cabinet Cards	
Sensorial: Visual - Shape	Leaf Cabinet Cards	
Sensorial: Visual - Combined	Decanomial Square	
Sensorial: Auditory	Bells	
Reading: Phonograms	Research	Cont
Reading: Phonograms	Spelling	Cont
Reading: Phonograms	Dictionary	Cont
Reading: Phonograms	Personal Dictionary	Cont
Reading: Puzzle Words	Puzzle Words	Cont
Reading Classification	Presentation I - Classifying the Environment	Cont
Reading Classification	Presentation II - Cards with Labels	
Reading Classification	Presentation III	
Reading: Function of Words	Article -	
Reading: Function of Words	Adjective	
Reading: Function of Words	Logical Adjective	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Detective Adjective	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Conjunction	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Preposition	Cont



Reading: Function of Words	Verb	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Adverb	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Logical Adverb	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Continuation of Commands	Cont
Reading: Function of Words	Symbol and Phrase Game	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Compound Words	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Suffixes	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Prefixes	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Word Families	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Adjectives	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Singular and Plural	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Synonyms	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Antonyms	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Homophones	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Homographs	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Animal Collectives	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Animals and Their Young	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Animal Sounds	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Animal Homes	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Animal Families	Cont
Reading: Word Study	Contractions	Cont
Musical Expression	Unmarked Staff Boards - Parallel Exercise 4: Descriptions/Definitions	
Language Extension	Who Am I?	Cont
Mathematics: Decimal System	Dot Game	
Mathematics: Decimal System	Word Problems	cont
Mathematics: Counting	Linear Counting: Stage I - Hundred Chain	
Mathematics: Counting	Linear Counting: Stage II - Thousand Chain	
Mathematics: Counting	Skip Counting	
Mathematics: Memorization	Addition Snake Game	
Mathematics: Memorization	Addition Strip Board	
Mathematics: Memorization	Addition Charts	
Mathematics: Memorization	Subtraction Snake Game	
Mathematics: Memorization	Subtraction Strip Board	
Mathematics: Memorization	Subtraction Charts	
Mathematics: Memorization	Multiplication with Bead Bars	
Mathematics: Memorization	Multiplication Board	
Mathematics: Memorization	Multiplication Charts	

## **Seventh Interval**

Reading Analysis	Simple Sentences Stage I
Reading Analysis	Simple Sentences Stage II
Reading Analysis	Simple Sentences Stage III
Mathematics: Decimal System	Long Division with Bows
Mathematics: Memorization	Unit Division Board
Mathematics: Memorization	Division Charts
Mathematics: Fractions	Introduction to Fractions
Mathematics: Fractions	Fraction: Operations

## **Eighth Interval**

If primary children do not get to this work, they will have appropriate elementary versions presented. Some children will get to these presentations; some will not.

M: Passage to Abstraction	Small Bead Frame
M: Passage to Abstraction	Wooden Hierarchical Material
M: Passage to Abstraction	Large Bead Frame
M: Passage to Abstraction	Division with Racks and Tubes