



# Let's Talk About Our Day:

## A tool to help parents share their child's Montessori experience.



**You've chosen Montessori for your child because it helps them become capable and well-rounded individuals who are lifelong learners and doers.**

But Montessori may not be like the education you received, and that might make it hard for you to share your child's experience and talk about how they are doing in school. We've developed this guide to help you connect with your Montessori student, learn about their experiences, and grow together.

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## Talking about your day invites them to talk about theirs.

Montessori students work individually and share their experiences and observations with others. One of the best ways to find out about their day is to tell them about yours. Talk about the interesting parts of your day in detail. These don't have to be significant moments—you can turn any part of your day into a topic for conversation. Include the who, what, where, your reactions, thought process, and/or emotions. In this way, you become a guide like their Montessori teacher, and they will likely engage you in a similar conversation about their day. Please be patient and let your child respond in their own time. The younger the child the more time they may need. Also, don't feel as though this always needs to be the first thing you say when you pick them up or greet them after school. Often these precious moments are spontaneous.

### Here is an example:

- *"Let me tell you something that I saw on my way to work today..."*

### Your child may or may not decide to reciprocate. You could say:

- *"Did anything like that happen to you?"*