

“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are a part of the universe and connected with each other to form one whole unity” - Dr. Montessori

Cosmic Education is a cornerstone of Montessori philosophy in the elementary years. It tells the story of the interconnectedness of all things, using holistic and purposeful education to encompass the development of the whole person within the context of the universe. It introduces the idea that humanity might have a “cosmic task,” to better the world for future generations.

Dr. Maria Montessori believed Cosmic Education was vital to elementary education because it provides children with a framework to understand their world and their place within it. Children learn to respect studies of the past, develop an understanding of ethics, and value the contributions of others. In this way, Cosmic Education teaches children to become aware of the interdependence of all things and develop a sense of gratitude that comes from that awareness.

In the second plane of development (6-12), Cosmic Education introduces the child to the repeating natural cycles in our world, the fundamental needs that all humans share, and the connectedness of all living things. In the elementary years, children begin to draw connections between how each particle, substance, species, and event has a purpose in the development of all others. These “Great Lessons of Cosmic Education” are taught as a whole to show children how all content areas are interconnected.

Dr. Maria Montessori believed that children who receive a Cosmic Education in childhood are prepared for their future as independent, socially responsible, and emotionally intelligent individuals.

Cosmic Education gives children the foundation to go out into the world with a practiced understanding of who they are as individuals, as members of the human race, and as citizens of the universe. It also provides children with a deep understanding of their moral responsibility to address global issues that affect humanity and the environment.

Why is Cosmic Education important today?

Dr. Maria Montessori viewed the world as a purposeful place; war, poverty, and injustice are deviations from that purpose. She believed that Cosmic Education was a way to restore peace, harmony, and order. Global awareness, peaceful communication, and ethical cooperation are integral to resolving global issues in the twenty-first century. By providing children with a Cosmic Education, Montessori education empowers students with the knowledge to transform the world.