



AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY®

100 Activities for Montessori Elementary Students

An eclectic listing that we hope will inspire you!

1. Draw a map of a room in your house on graph paper. Be sure to label everything.
2. Interview your family and make a family newspaper.
3. Go on an adventure in your backyard or city street. Bring a smart phone or camera along and take pictures of the biggest, smallest, and most unusual objects that you find.
4. Plan a meal for your family. Have someone teach you how to prepare and cook the meal.
5. Explore the website www.biography.com by looking up a famous person that interests you. Record who you decided to research and a few facts that you didn't know about them.
6. Learn a new household skill such as washing clothes, doing dishes, ironing, or polishing silver.
7. Work with someone who knows how to build a fence, a bike ramp, a bookcase, a bench, or something similar.
8. Explore the website www.howstuffworks.com and find a section that interests you. Write down some interesting facts that you learn.
9. Make a botany map of your backyard. Place each plant in its place on the map and label each plant with its common name. Can you also find out the scientific names of the plants?
10. Look through the local newspaper or your Scholastic News and find a story about an issue you care about in the community or world. Write letters to elected officials or to the editors of the newspaper expressing your opinions about the issues you've read about.
11. Write a review of a movie you saw. Tell the basic idea and what you liked about it. What didn't you like about it?
12. Tell your family about the way one of the days of the week got its name. Practice and memorize the days of the week in order.
13. Explore the European Space Agency's website www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/ and find a section that interests you. Write down some interesting facts that you learn and bring them in to share.

14. Write letters to your friends and relatives.
15. Write a review of a book you read. Tell the basic idea and what you liked about it. What did the author do to tell the story? What did they not do so well?
16. Explore the Kids Press Corp website at http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/press_corps/index.asp. Look through a few of the stories. Write a synopsis of your favorite story.
17. Read some poetry. Memorize your favorite poem and recite it to your family.
18. Learn about how fiction and non-fiction books are organized (the Dewey Decimal System). Can you tell what kinds of books are in the 300s section? How about the 900s?
19. Practice telling stories. Think of a story that you know well and try to tell it in several different ways. For example, tell the story from a different point of view or in a different setting.
20. Explore YouTube and decide on 2 or 3 of the videos that you would like to watch on how something is made. BEFORE watching them, make a prediction on how you think the item is made. Watch the video and write the way the item is actually made. Were you close or did it surprise you?
21. Remember trick-or-treating? Make a bar graph of the different varieties of candy you received from your neighbors. For example, you might sort it out into categories like chocolate, hard candy, and soft candy. Be creative.
22. Discover vegetables typically cooked in spring, such as asparagus, xxx, and xx, and learn how to whip them into a delicious meal.
23. Learn how to cook a food that is generally made in the fall like pumpkin bread, applesauce, or sweet potatoes.
24. Explore the website www.history.com and find out some facts about the Ancient Egyptians.
25. October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month. If your family has popcorn kernels, measure out 1 tablespoon and estimate how many kernels are in it. Then count them and see how close you were. Help your family pop the corn and enjoy!
26. Help plan the next family vacation. Research the landmarks, geography, and culture of the area you'll be visiting. Map out the route you'll take.

27. Explore the CIA's World Factbook at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>. Look through some of the facts they keep on countries and compare them to the United States.
28. Look through the store ads online. Do some comparative shopping of at least five items that are in multiple ads. Which store had the best deals? Make a chart of the information you found.
29. Get a lesson on how to take pictures with your family camera. Learn to use the different settings and research the names of the different parts of the camera like the lens, shutter, aperture, and flash.
30. Write a thank you note to someone. For example, thank a grandparent for spending time with you, thank a brother or sister for helping you learn something, or thank a coach for helping you learn a sport. Make sure to give them the note!
31. Be a book reviewer for Scholastic News. Pick a book that you've read recently and write a short summary (about 100 words). Introduce the main character and briefly describe the plot. Don't give away the ending! Explain why you liked the book and why you think other kids might enjoy reading it. Is it an important book? What is something interesting you learned from it? Is it funny, sad, happy, exciting, or a combination of these? When you are done, mail it to: Scholastic News, 557 Broadway 4th Floor, New York, NY 10012.
32. Explore the website <https://www.adaptedmind.com/index.php> and try out some of the math games.
33. Learn the proper way to set the table. Set the table this week.
34. Make a list of 20 powerful verbs and use them to write a story.
35. Keep statistics. Graph things like when you go to bed, how many pages you read each day, how many ounces of water you drink per day, and how long it takes you to eat breakfast. What other measurements can you make?
36. Make place cards for your family to use at dinner.
37. November 14th is National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. Help a parent clean out your refrigerator, including throwing out old items and scouring it with soap and water.
38. Explore the website www.weather.com. Look up the weather forecast for your town. Compare the weather where you live with the weather in two other cities in other parts of the country.

Can you find a place that is much warmer than where you live? Much colder? Besides temperature, what other things are predicted on this website?

39. On New Year's Eve, many people make resolutions for the upcoming year. Write one resolution you had and make a plan to achieve it.
40. Research how to count down from 10 to 0 in six different languages. Can you also find out how to say "thank you" in those languages?
41. With your parent's permission, call an aunt, uncle, cousin, or grandparent and chat.
42. Explore the website <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> and read through some of the news stories.
43. Learn how to make a friendship bracelet and make one.
44. Write a story using this writing prompt: "I was sledding down the biggest slope when..."
45. Write a story using this writing prompt: "Spring is coming and I'm going to..."
46. Go for a walk with someone in your family. Find five signs of spring and write about them, draw them, or photograph them.
47. Explore the website <https://www.brainpop.com/science/weather/snowflakes/>. Learn about the six different types of snowflakes and do an activity or two!
48. Learn about the Civil Rights Movement by looking on the internet with a parent. Write down some of the things that surprised you.
49. December 4th is National Cookie Day. Did you miss it? Help an adult make cookies. You might even want to try a new recipe.
50. Use the website <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/default.aspx> to make a graph. You might also like to get a lesson from someone older who knows how to make graphs on a computer program like Microsoft Word or Excel.
51. December 6th, 1896 is Ira Gershwin's birthday. Listen to a song that he or his brother George Gershwin wrote. What did you think of the song? Write about it.
52. Did you get holiday or birthday gifts recently? Write thank you notes to those people or write thank you notes to people who have given you the gift of their time.
53. Have you heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? Talk about one of your dreams with an adult and write one thing you can do to help your dream come true.

54. January 28th is National Blueberry Pancake Day. Did you miss it? Research a recipe for blueberry pancakes that your family hasn't used before and make breakfast for your family.
55. Check out the website <http://greece.mrdonn.org/> to get some information about life in Ancient Greece. Bring in the information you gathered to share with the class.
56. Make some sort of a sculpture or structure with clay, cotton balls, toothpicks, etc. and take a picture of it. Can you make something unlike anything you have ever made before?
57. January 24th is Compliment Day. Give 5 compliments to people you care about. Write down the people you complimented.
58. Learn a new skill: knit, crochet, spin, weave, quilt, hook rugs, embroider, tie-dye, beadwork, paint, or sculpt.
59. Read a book on Greek mythology. Practice retelling the myth to members of your family.
60. Fold laundry this week. If you're not sure how, ask a parent (or sibling or friend) for a lesson.
61. Did you celebrate Presidents Day? Find a list of all the U.S. presidents and try to memorize their names, beginning with George Washington. How many can you remember?
62. Choose a favorite book and create a book cover for it. Decorate it, write the title and author, and draw a picture. Try to make it different than the cover that the book already has.
63. Do you know about dental hygiene? Research the following terms: cavity, molar, gingivitis, dentin, fluoride, and the prefix "ortho."
64. February is Children's Dental Health Month. Ask your parents to look at <http://www.ada.org/2714.aspx#sheets> for puzzles about healthy teeth.
65. Teach someone in your family about a type of poetry. Write a poem with that person.
66. Practice tying your shoes.
67. Interview a family member. First, come up with at least 10 questions to ask them. Then, sit with them or call them and ask your questions. Be sure to be a good listener and ask more questions if you think of them during the interview. Write down the answers you get.
68. Estimate the number of plates there are in your house. Write down your estimate and then count. Was your estimate close?
69. Practice your typing skills on www.typingweb.com. Try not to look down at your hands while you type. This may be easier if you use a dish towel to cover your hands while typing.

70. Do you know the history of the American flag? Tell your parents about the meaning of the stars and stripes on the flag.
71. Research a famous woman in history. After gathering some information, write a report to share the details of her life.
72. Prepare your own lunch this week.
73. The toothpick was patented on February 20th, 1872. What can you make with toothpicks? Build it and draw it or glue it and bring it in to share. There are also puzzles at this website: <https://www.stemlittleexplorers.com/en/create-amazing-structures/>.
74. Research what types of flowers, fruits, or vegetables grow best where you live. Prepare a planter or garden to grow what you researched.
75. Have a conference with your parents about what you think you do well and what you think you need to practice more.
76. Johann Sebastian Bach was born on March 21th, 1685. Listen to a piece of his music. Which piece did you listen to? Does it sound happy, sad, or excited? Write about it.
77. Earth Day is April 22! Ask an adult to teach you about the electricity in your house. Find the meter and learn about how it keeps track of the electricity used. Maybe you can even look at the bill and find out how much electricity your family uses each month. Why do you think it changes from month to month? Make a list of ways that you and your family can reduce the amount of electricity you use? Are there things we can do at school too?
78. We often hear “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” when talking about protecting the environment. This week, find 3 ways that you can reduce, reuse, or recycle what you use. Write down your ideas.
79. Find some coins in your house and find 5 different ways to make \$1.00. Write down how many of each coin you used for each combination. For an extra challenge, find 10 or 15 ways!
80. The first week in May is “Be Kind to Animals Week.” Write a poem or story that expresses the importance of animals in your life.
81. May 16th is “Love a Tree Day.” Look at a tree in your yard, neighborhood, or in a park near you, and write a poem about it.
82. May is “National Photograph Month.” Work with a member of your family to put together a family collage using your favorite photographs. Be creative!

83. May 30th is Memorial Day, when we honor those people who have died while serving the United States. Find out what Memorial Day celebrations will be taking place around the country. You might want to find out if there is a parade or celebration taking place in your town. What do they do at Arlington National Cemetery?
84. June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month. Try a new fruit or vegetable this week and write a review about how it tastes.
85. What do you know about fractions? Look for fractions in your home and write what they are and where you found them.
86. Manners and etiquette are important in any civilization, but they vary from country to country and over time. For example, in China, when a meal is served, everyone waits for the host to begin eating before anyone else eats. In India, it is the eldest person who begins eating first. Research table manners in the United States and make a list of the rules we observe here. Then talk to someone who has visited another country and ask about the differences. You can also ask a grandparent or another elder if they recall any changes in manners over time. Write about your findings.
87. Manners are very important to show respect to people, but they may change from culture to culture. Imagine that a person from a different culture was coming to visit you and your family and that they needed your help. Make a list of the 3 most important table manners that your visitor will need to know about, such as making sure you wait until everyone is served before eating. Make sure you practice your own rules!
88. Venn diagrams show differences and similarities between things. Draw a Venn diagram that shows similarities and differences between you and another person.
89. Have you heard of the artist Piet Mondrian? piet-mondrian.org/ He liked to use primary colors. Using paint or food coloring (with a parent's permission), mix primary colors (red, blue, yellow) to see if you can make secondary colors (green, orange, purple). If you make a mess, make sure that you clean it up!
90. Find an acute angle, an obtuse angle, and a right angle in your house. Draw or take a picture of the angles that you find.
91. Using clean socks, make a sock puppet. Give them a name and a story and put on a show for your family.

92. Is your family planning a summer vacation this year? If so, help to research the destination you will visit. You can look up places to visit, routes to take, calculate the numbers of miles you will travel, and make a map.
93. Learn the story of how the Star Spangled Banner became our National Anthem. What story does the song tell?
94. Although we traditionally sing the only first verse, the Star Spangled Banner is actually several verses long. How many verses can you memorize?
95. Interview a parent about their childhood and record the answers.
96. Make a calendar of your summer break. Include any classes, trips, or camps you are planning on attending. Schedule the books you will read, when you will practice math facts, and any other research or skills that you want to learn during the summer.
97. Write a persuasive letter to your parents, explaining what the perfect summer vacation would be. Be sure to do research about the places you want to visit so that you can include facts in your letter. Be sure to write each paragraph with a topic sentence!
98. Make a list of three (or more!) novels you will read this coming summer. They should be novels you haven't read before.
99. Investigate a Rube Goldberg project. Visit <https://sciencing.com/rube-goldberg-science-project-ideas-12749577.html>. Read about Rube Goldberg, gather materials, and see if you can design a working "machine." Take a picture or write about what you created.
100. Collect rocks from your yard or a park near you and paint them. Then, return them to your yard or park.