

A Keepsake for You

In Acknowledgement of the Qualities You Embrace as a Montessori Innovator

SUPPLIES



- Scissors or pushpin
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils

MONTESSORI LESSON

In geometry, a **dodecahedron** is any polyhedron with **twelve** flat faces.

Number of faces: 12

Number of vertices: 20

Number of edges: 30

Volume: $(15+7\sqrt{5})/4 \times a^3$

Base and side shape: pentagon



INSTRUCTIONS

- Read: *Teacher. Innovator. Montessorian.*
- Learn the 12 facets, reflect on the passages, and journal your thoughts
- Print your dodecahedron on card stock paper
- Decorate: personalize your dodecahedron
- Cut or perforate the outer outline
- Fold along all the lines to form a dodecahedron
- Glue the flaps in place
- Each month, randomly select one quality of a Montessori innovator and ponder



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collaboration
How might you encourage your community to listen and learn from each other?

strength
How do you advocate for what best serves each student in your community?

praxis
How does taking the time to think about your teaching change your practice?

creativity
How do you adapt time-tested practices so that they continue to maintain their relevance?

respect
In what ways do you honor yourself and the dignity of every individual in your community?

inquiry
In what ways is the pandemic changing your approach to your Montessori practice?

exploration
What open-ended questions do you ask yourself and your students?

courage
How is failure seen as a lesson and gift in your prepared environment?

curiosity
How do you bring awe and wonder to your interactions with each of your students?

essence
What do you value most in Montessori education and how are you consciously working to uphold and strengthen this?

advocacy
How do you ensure the voice of the child is heard?

persistence
What ritual of reflection can you establish that acknowledges the growth that is occurring around you?