MONTESSORI SPEECH

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“Uh oh,” you may be thinking… How did I find this ten-year old kid on a video on YouTube? Who does he think he is and what is he doing? How come **HE** thinks he’s special enough to make his own video?” Well, by the time I’m finished telling my story, **YOU’RE** going to want to inspire your kids to learn the way I learn and to try and make one too! You see, I’m a student at a Montessori school, and I really love it. I love learning and seeing if I can really do the things I dream of, and I want to show the world …or at least everyone that watches this, what it means to **want** to learn, dream big, and try new things. And in case you’re wondering, this was all my idea, and I would like to thank my parents for helping me make this project happen.

First I have to let you know that I wasn’t always in a Montessori school, so even though I’m young, I know the difference. From the time I started school until I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, I went to a regular school. I remember what it felt like, having to get up every day, hope I remembered to pack everything I needed, run for the bus, make sure I had my homework and knew all the answers if I was called on. If I sat in the front row, I felt too close to the teacher. If I sat in the back row I felt left out. …All the desks were lined up in rows and everyone had to fit in, even if they really didn’t. If I didn’t know an answer, I felt bad. If I answered first, some kids made fun of me. **How** was I supposed to fit in? **Where** was I supposed to fit in? It’s a lot of pressure for a little kid. It kind of gets in the way of really learning and being interested. I tried to be a good kid. I tried to do well in school, but it was really a lot of pressure. There were so many things I wanted to do, but there were even more things I **had** to do before I could do the fun stuff.

Somehow, my parents found a Montessori school in our area and we went to check it out (**Do you want to name the specific school?)** From the minute we walked in, it felt different. The classrooms felt like a place where I could be comfortable. Everyone was really nice and there were all types of activities and kids of different ages in each classroom. And then I heard there was no homework… (**Say this with exaggerated enthusiasm and a triumphant hand gesture**) **YES!!!!** Count me in!!! With my new school schedule, I would have time to do sports and other stuff that kids really **LIKE** to do. And the best part is, that now I really **LOVE** to go to school. I love to find out what new things I’ll learn each day. Everything is an adventure and I love to explore, work on new projects, and if there’s something special that I started to work on, then my teacher lets me have time to figure out how to solve my own problems. We always have interesting crafts projects and I also see that I am remembering more of each of my lessons because I’m not afraid of being bad or failing. In fact, I had the idea of making this video, and thanks to my Montessori education, I decided to try and really do it, and here I am!

Parents, I want to talk to **YOU** now. Do you love your kids? Do you want the best for them? Do you want them to be happy? Do you want them to really learn, and love what they are doing? Of course you do! I asked my mother to help me find out if kids do better as they get older if they have a Montessori education and we found out the answer is yes! We learned they do better in lots of ways, from having better behavior in groups to being able to remember lessons and really caring about what they learned. Take it from me… check out a Montessori school. The teachers know how to guide the kids to learn and have fun while doing it. I’m really happy that I wound up going to a Montessori school, and let’s face it, I’m a kid. It’s my job, and the work we do at Montessori keeps me wanting to go back for more, in fact….I gotta go right now!! I hope to meet your children at Montessori school real soon!! Thank you for watching!