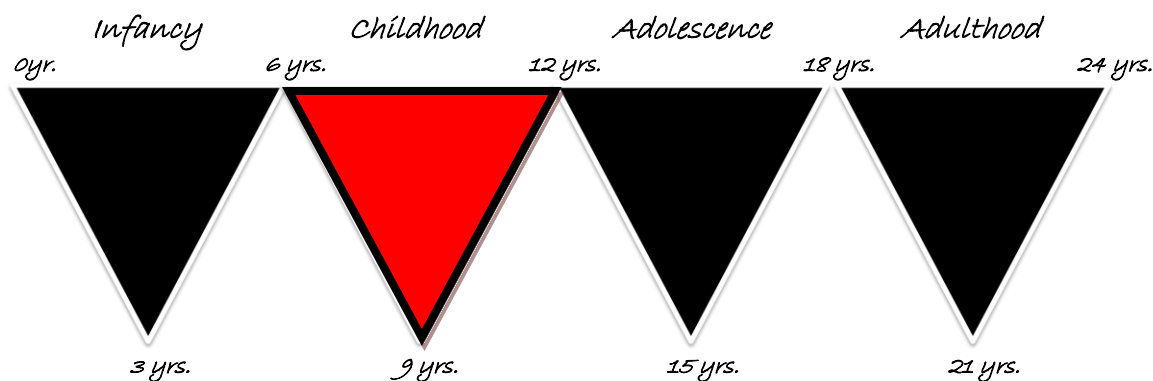


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*Leading a Montessori Elementary Program* is a collection of monographs on topics pertinent to classroom design, implementation, management, and leadership. In essence, it is the implementation of the Montessori Method in real classrooms.

This monograph, *Introduction to Montessori at the Elementary Level* begins with an overview of Montessori's Planes of Development with special emphasis on the child in the second plane (age 6-12) and on The Prepared Environment for children in this plane. Other key elements to a Montessori classroom including the three-year cycle /age range and the uninterrupted work cycle are described, along with adaptations that can be found in Montessori schools. Different types of Montessori schools (private, public and charter) are compared.

*Introduction to Montessori at the Elementary Level* is suitable for experienced Montessorians preparing to open a new classroom or school, for new Montessori student-teachers, and for parents who are either contemplating enrolling their child or already enrolled in a Montessori program. It helps the reader better understand the philosophical tenants of Montessori upon which the program has been built, providing a better idea of what to watch for in a classroom observation. It highlights best practices and includes discussions of the relative advantages and disadvantages of many of the more common adaptations.

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