



Parenting and educating our children well is essentially the most important thing we can do for the future. This requires commitment and can be a challenge! Here are a few wonderful resources we offer here at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center to support families.



## **PARENT PERKS**

The first is our **Parent Perks** program. These are morning gatherings over coffee or tea to discuss parenting issues and Montessori subjects of interest to our families. Grateful for how an understanding of the Montessori philosophy supported her own parenting, and for the wonderful friendships she had forged with other Montessori parents, teacher Sue Fitzpatrick began this program eight years ago. It is important to have reliable information about child development, parenting issues, and the Montessori Method. It is also helpful to have opportunities for parents to discuss experiences they are encountering and to learn from each other.



## **PARENT TALK – Evening Parenting Class**

The second is our lively and interactive evening parenting workshop. In the Fall and the Spring we offer this affordable opportunity for parents to learn effective ways to interact with children to promote self-discipline. The acclaimed **Parent Talk System** was developed by authors/educators Chick Moorman and Thomas Haller. It is taught worldwide. The same phrases and approaches are used by our Montessori teachers in your child's classroom. Learn ways to create a respectful environment, respond to a child's poor choices, teach your values, and encourage independence! Heidi Gauger and Sue Fitzpatrick, both Montessori teachers and parents, have been teaching this workshop for eight years. Certified as trainers by Mr. Moorman himself, Heidi and Sue also train teachers at the Michigan Montessori Training Education Center and at regional conferences around the state.

The dates of this year's events are attached here for your convenience. Add them to your calendar and expect a warm welcome!

