

**Montessori Fundamentals 2019- EC Practical Life, Language and Cultural Syllabus
Requirements**

**THURSDAY, July 18, 2019: PRACTICAL LIFE, LANGUAGE, CULTURAL (8:30-11:30;
12:30-3:30)**

Practical Life

- Philosophical Purpose
 - Meaningful work
 - Beauty
 - Repetition
 - Isolation of Skills
 - Concentration
 - Coordination
 - Independence
 - Order
 - Progression on shelf
- Foundational Examples (3 to 5 materials)
 - Introduction to material
 - Guidance and phrases
 - Observe, Interact, Guide
 - Individualization
 - Levels of Use
 - Work cycle
 - Importance of Practical Life at all ages

Language

- Philosophy
 - Writing then reading
 - Human Expression
 - Fluidity of expression through speaking, listening, reading, and writing
 - Foundational Skills
 - Components of Language
 - Listening
 - Silence
 - Sound differentiation works
 - Pre-reading and -writing skills
 - Rhyming, syllables, etc.
 - 3 period-lesson
- Foundational Examples (2 to 3 materials-including isolation of sounds with Sandpaper Letters)
 - Introduction to material
 - Guidance and phrases
 - Observe, Interact, Guide

- Individualization
- Levels of Use
- Components of Handwriting
 - Development of motor skills
 - Materials (i.e. metal insets)
 - Development of handwriting
- Components of Writing
 - Sequencing
 - Describing
 - Drawing/Oral
 - Drawing/Labels
 - Spelling
 - Inventive Spelling
 - Conventional spelling patterns
 - High-frequency words
 - Sentences
 - Story-beginning, middle, and end
 - GUIDING QUESTIONS (how to observe, interact and guide)
- Components of Reading
 - Within the Text
 - Phonetics
 - Sight words
 - Picture Clues
 - Context Clues
 - Beyond the text
 - Predictions
 - Inference
 - Connection
 - GUIDING QUESTIONS (how to observe, interact and guide)

Cultural

- Brief philosophical overview (Cosmic Education)
- Foundational Examples
 - 1-2 geography
 - Suggest Cosmic Address tower
 - 1 botany
 - 1 zoology