

Montessori classroom observation checklist

Classroom: _____ Date: _____ Observer: _____

Environment

- ☐ Shelves complete, ordered, and reachable
- ☐ Materials complete and in good repair
- ☐ Traffic paths clear; noise level allows concentration
- ☐ Outdoor or practical-life extensions available if your program uses them

Work cycle

- ☐ Uninterrupted work time is protected
- ☐ Children choose, repeat, and return work
- ☐ Grace and courtesy is practiced, not lectured
- ☐ Snack / care does not collapse the cycle

Adult

- ☐ Presentations are brief and precise
- ☐ The adult is observing more than talking
- ☐ Redirects are quiet and specific
- ☐ No public comparison of children

Records

- ☐ Observations exist for this week
- ☐ Progress states match what you saw (spot-check two children)
- ☐ Attendance / care logs are current if required

Follow-up

- ☐ One strength to name
- ☐ One specific next step
- ☐ Date you will walk again