#### **Washington Montessori Institute**

### Winter Workshop for Teachers and Assistants

### Saturday, January 19, 2013 9 am to 3 pm

for Primary Teachers
Written Language with Janet McDonell



All language development has as its goal the development of the child's personality. Self-expression is an important aspect of the development of language, both orally and in writing. A message to a friend, a story, a grocery list, a report, a poem, a secret thought.....these are the marvels of the written word. Join us as we consider ways to assist the primary child in becoming a fluent, self-expressive writer.

# for Elementary Teachers Storytelling with Carol Hicks

Dr. Montessori said that the elementary teacher must be a "story teller of the truth."

How do we do that? We have some stories from our trainings, but are there more? How can we make up more stories? How can we improve our story telling skills? This workshop will touch on general ideas about storytelling, including different traditions. Carol Hicks will share some of the stories she has developed and used with children. We will explore various points in the Montessori presentations that may be the stimulus for additional stories. Together we will develop new stories and we will practice telling stories. Participants may participate as little or as much as they wish in the story telling portion; each participant is invited to bring a topic that s/he would like to develop into a story.

## for Primary Assistants Movement and Transitions



Jennifer Shields and Denise Merkel will join to present the program for classroom assistants. Jennifer will focus on the area of movement in the life of the Casa dei Bambini. Movement is an essential part of the young child's life and one of the ways in which the child learns. Denise will talk about transitions and offer practical suggestions on how primary assistants can better undertake this important aspect of classroom life.

