



Where curiosity leads, learning follows

PRINTABLE WEEKLY PLANNER

Weekly Shelf Rotation Planner

A calm weekly planning sheet for choosing Montessori shelf work from observation rather than novelty. Use it to protect concentration, simplify choices, and prepare only what the children are ready to use independently.



Format Printable web page

Age 3-6 classroom

Focus Observation-led shelf planning and material rotation

Use Weekly prep, assistant handoff, classroom reflection



Week and classroom focus

WEEK OF

OBSERVATION FOCUS

GRACE AND COURTESY FOCUS

Plan from what children are showing you. A shelf does not need to look new every Monday; it needs to invite purposeful repetition.

Rotation decision prompts

- What did children repeat with deep concentration this week?
- Which material was ignored because it is too easy, too hard, or unclear?
- What one variable can we change without rebuilding the whole shelf?
- Which presentation should be repeated before introducing something new?

AREA	CURRENT OBSERVATION	KEEP, SIMPLIFY, OR ADD	MATERIAL OR PRESENTATION
Practical Life Care of self, care of environment, food preparation, grace and courtesy			
Sensorial One clear material for discrimination, matching, grading, or sequencing			
Language Vocabulary, sound games, classified cards, oral language, early writing support			
Math Concrete quantity, symbol, counting, sorting, or pattern work			
Culture and Science Nature table, geography, botany, zoology, art, music, or seasonal study			

Prep checklist

- Clean trays, baskets, mats, and control-of-error pieces
- Remove duplicate choices that create clutter rather than independence
- Check that every activity can be carried, used, and reset by the child
- Prepare one grace-and-courtesy focus for the week
- Leave space for spontaneous child interest, not just adult plans

Children to observe closely

Follow-up presentations

Teacher notes after the week

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