

## AMI Primary Refresher Course 2018

### **“The Beauty of Sensorial Exploration”**

An AMI Primary Refresher Course hosted by the MTCBC!  
Open to all AMI Primary Diploma holders, worldwide.

Dates: Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3, 2018

Dr. Montessori said “Yet the child, like all human beings, has a personality of his own. He carries within himself the beauty and dignity of a creativity that can never be erased and for which his spirit, pure and sensitive, exacts from us a most delicate kind of care.”  
(The Child in the Family, p. 25)

The Sensorial area responds to the young children’s urge to identify and explore the beauty of this world. We respect children’s sensitivity to the qualities of the physical world, such as color, shape, fragrance, sounds, and texture by offering Keys to the World. The sensory organs are our built-in tools for gaining knowledge, making discoveries and building intelligence.

In the Refresher Course, we will explore the Sensorial area to find out what are the essentials in offering the beautiful, well-made and versatile set of materials. How can we introduce each material so that the children will be excited to use them? We also explore ways to extend the use of the materials creatively. How can you combine the wonderful language this area brings to the child, with art and further sensorial exploration?

At the end of the two-day gathering, your passion will be refreshed towards Sensorial activities, and you will be inspired to pass this on to the children and the parents in the community!

## AMI Primary Trainer



Naoko Ogawa is a Primary (ages 3-6) Trainer, Examiner, and Consultant with the Association Montessori Internationale, and currently working at the Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia as Co-trainer - Course Assistant. She has directed AMI Primary courses in Japan and Milwaukee, U.S. during the past 7 years and also has teacher training experience in China and the Philippines. Naoko recently completed the AMI Elementary (ages 6 to 12) Diploma Program at the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee. She is very pleased to join the Montessori community in Vancouver!

Naoko was born and grew up in Tokyo, Japan. She was introduced to Montessori education when her grandmother took the training at the age of 70. Naoko also has a traditional preschool teaching degree from a teacher-training college in Japan. After college, she took the AMI Primary Course in Japan, and started to work with children. Naoko was inspired to become an AMI trainer through her experience of serving as a “child” at Oral Exams for over 7 years and meeting 7 different international examiners. Her passion is to support children and the adults who aspire to create peaceful environments to enjoy life.

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## Location

Marine Drive Golf Club  
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## Downloadable Forms:

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