

Sensorial Exercises

for the

Bead Cabinet

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INTRODUCTION

The exercises in this booklet are designed for use with the large bead cabinet. This is a very expensive piece of material that often stands unused in many classrooms. These exercises are off experiences to the very young child, eager to touch the bead material. Children who are just beginning may be shown the bead chains in the same manner as the Red and Blue Numerical Rods. Children under three will enjoy the fun of carrying the chains to a rug, arranging them in a stair, and hanging them on the cabinet hooks.

These exercises will offer an introduction to the bead cabinet to the older child who may have had little or no pre-primary experience.

Use of the material on a sensorial level provides the opportunity to isolate language and relationships of the materials before entering the mathematical stage.

These exercises have been used in the Forest Park Montessori School (Illinois), since 1967 when they were presented at a workshop in Toronto, Canada.

Although the exercises in this booklet were not original with us, through repeated work with the children we have added discoveries and variations.

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