

# **Why not school for Baby? says famed educator**

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**Dr. Maria Montessori, 81 - year - old Italian pioneer of revolutionary teaching methods, claims that six months' old babies can learn in their own way in a school classroom.**

**But it must be a special kind of school—a special kind of classroom—a happy place where young children learn as they play.**

**In such a setting a small baby, watching the older children, could find food for its growing mind, and would develop faster and more happily, she says.**

**Frail, lined, rather weary, Dr. Montessori, who is visiting London with her adopted son Mario, said that in Italy mothers brought babies less than one year old to "sit in" to older children's classes.**

**Only one or two babies were with one class at a time, so other children were not much disturbed.**

**"Not enough thought is given to a baby's mind and personality," she says.—S.S.**