

Bonus: Shell Exploration

These shells are so inviting to a child and they will love to explore them!

Exploration - The shells are provided as a fun bonus. You can have your child explore the different textures and sizes, comparing ones that are similar and different. You can talk about the different types of creatures that lived in the shells, and look up the different kinds of habitats. We've included a printable information sheet on the resources page with examples of shells that will be similar to the ones you will receive.

Attributes - As a language and sensory activity, have your child feel and describe different characteristics of the shells: rough, smooth, small, big, pointy, round, colorful, shiny, etc.

Shell Washing - This is actually an official Montessori activity. This is considered an extension activity, because we do not provide everything you need for the activity. Besides the shell, you will need a toothbrush, soap, cloth, small pitcher, and a bowl for water.

Your child puts a shell into the bowl with a little water, and adds some soap to the toothbrush. They use the toothbrush to scrub it, making sure the soap makes suds (bubbles). Then they rinse the shell off using the rest of the water in the pitcher. Finally, they dry off the shell with the cloth.

Like any Montessori activity, the child neatly puts all the materials away when done: folding up the cloth, dumping out the water, and drying the bowl.

Research and Report - Using the information we provided, older children can write a report on the shells and explain different facts about them.

Please note: You will receive a random assortment of shells. Due to the fragile nature of real shells, we have included quite a few so that even if some break, you will still have a good collection.