

Instead of Saying... Montessori teachers use...

Wanders from task to task/wastes time

Is learning to occupy his time more constructively

Short attention span

Is becoming more dependable during work periods

Not working to full potential

Has great potential and is working toward achieving it

Doesn't follow directions

Is learning to listen to directions more carefully

Doesn't maintain a clean workspace/materials

Is learning to take care of her workspace and classroom materials

Clingy/needy

Is continuing to grow in independence

Is easily distracted

Is learning to concentrate on her work

Irresponsible

Is developing his sense of responsibility

Doesn't play fair

Is learning to be more cooperative, careful, and fair