

## **What Education Means to Me**

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Education means a lot to me. It means being able to get a good job, or a nice house some day in the future. Without education, none of what you see here today would be possible. With education, the impossible becomes possible. I am not saying that when you learn how a bird flies, you can fly--because you'll probably end up breaking your neck jumping off the roof of your house, which is not smart. What I mean is when you learn something new, new doors open.

Friendship is one of those doors that was opened to me here at Meadow. When I went to a different school it was difficult for me to make friends because I have Autism and ADHD, which causes social difficulties. But over the years, here at Meadow, people have become my friends. I have friends now to share many of the experiences I've had, such as travel.

When I was at a different school, I thought I would never have taken out-of-state trips because most schools don't ever do that. But now I've been to Milwaukee, Wyoming, Washington D.C., Leelanau, Montreal, and even Belize in Central America.

Another door opened to me was music. At a different school, I thought I'd never play the violin because you can't play violin in band, but now I am playing violin and getting 1's and 2's in district solo and ensemble.

My point is, what seems impossible is possible when you keep learning new things. What Meadow Montessori has taught me the most is with education, the impossible becomes possible.