

**Longmeadow Montessori
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As the founder and director of Longmeadow Montessori for 21 years I can state without reservation that Bill Corbett's Parent Workshop entitled "Love, Limits, and Lessons" has had a profound positive impact on LMI families.

Bill speaks from real experience as a single dad raising three children with full understanding of the challenges of parenting. He is quick to acknowledge that relying on theory, per say, or your own experiences as a child being parented by your parents does not necessarily provide one with the tools needed to be an effective parent. He also is quick to inform you that being a "good parent" requires strength to "stand firm" and will occasionally and temporarily cause you to loose "popularity" with your children.

Bill injects humor and compassion as he explores:

- the 5 foundational concepts of discipline
- the 4 basic skills every parent needs for raising cooperative kids
- the 8 life skills your child must learn to live a happy life And so much more!!!

This year Bill has presented two introductory sessions and three 9 hour workshops at LMI. Parents who completed the workshops are raving about the techniques they learned and their daily newfound successes. Parents who have attended workshops have also begun to support and encourage each other, gaining and giving strength to one another.

In addition, as a staff, it is wonderful to have a professional parent educator delivering messages so similar to our own. It is wonderful to have teachers and parents speaking the same language as we work together in the best interest of children.

The best aspect of working with Bill is that his support is never ending. Bill has a "chat group" for parents and he shares his words of wisdom in our school newsletter, which now features a special Bill Corbett page dedicated to examining issues important to all parents.

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