



"The essential thing is for the task to arouse such an interest that it engages the child's whole personality.

In our schools, this "moment of healing" is not the point of arrival..., but it is the point of departure, after which "freedom of action" consolidates and develops the personality"

Dr. Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, p.206

After a long and cold weekend we had a bubbly week at Violeta. Miss Mardie attended the AMI conference in LA and brought back the sunny warm weather!

On Wednesday Violeta hosted a very well attended Wildflower Network Parent Evening. We looked at Executive Functions along the different stages of development. There was much conversation and thanks to the wonderful food provided by Michelle, Carmen and Robin nobody wanted to leave (we chatted until 8:30pm!). There was a beautiful sense of community and sharing that we hope will continue to grow!

At Violeta we are experiencing a language explosion: we are very busy with the movable alphabet, looking at books and listening to stories in Spanish and English. We are exploring works of art, sewing, spinning tops and making bubbles among all our already favorite works.



Another beautiful Parent Friday with lots of reading and working and sharing with friends

## Looking ahead:

Feb 20, 2pm. Wildflower Network Info Session. At Wildflower Montessori School, 364A Broadway, Cambridge.

March 3 & 4. Parent Check-ins. Please sign up on our doodle form.

March 14 to 27. Spring Vacation. No School.

2/16 Flowers, Snack, Laundry: Julian



First words: I look for an object in the classroom and say its name; I isolate a sound in the name: "o"; I look for the sand paper letter that makes the sound; I trace it; I find the same letter in the movable alphabet; I write the name of the object: "box"



Sewing prepares my hand for writing



Painting with watercolors



I choose Picasso's "The Three Musicians"



Making bubbles in the garden on a sunny day!