



Looking Ahead

Jan 24, Wed. Violeta Parent Evening, 6-7:30.

Feb 1, Fri. Re-enrollment forms due.

Feb 16, Fri. No School. Professional Development Day. Care available

Feb 19, Mon. No School Presidents' Day

Feb 20, Tue. No School. AMI Conference.

1/16 Snack, laundry, flowers: **Mina**



Our favorite corner

“To aid life, leaving it free, however, to unfold itself, that is the basic task of the educator”

M.Montessori, *Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook*

Our own Quotes of the Week

After working with Land and Water Forms, on his way to the park: “It’s like a river around a tree!”

After discussing Alaska’s Iditarod race: “The grand finale is so beautiful!”

This week we have tried a new schedule for the afternoon work cycle. In order to minimize transitions, which got longer with winter clothes, we stayed in the classroom after lunch and had an inside transition into the afternoon work cycle reading a book and doing breathing exercises. We worked from 1-2:15pm and went to the park after. This allowed for a calm and relaxed work cycle.

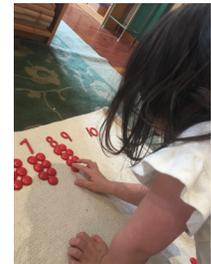
The afternoon work cycle is very important for our whole environment since it supports overall concentration and purposeful activity, which is at the heart of the children’s development. During the afternoon work cycle we focus on the more advanced lessons in the different areas. The older children then have the opportunity of choosing these activities independently during the morning cycle. This supports independence, concentrated work and strengthens academics and leadership. The younger children in the morning observe all these activities and are witnesses to the purposeful work and growth in confidence of their older friends. Observation is not just something teachers do at Violeta, but a natural approach to learning that we all practice all the time.



Cool science: Discovering what floats and what sinks



Using a nail brush



Visualizing odd and even



Vertebrate/Invertebrate cards and the Movable Alphabet



Exploring fractions, equivalences and design!



The metal insets help me prepare my hand for writing and explore designs with geometric shapes.



Caring for myself makes me feel good!



Exploring the inner tube of a bike tire: I get the air in with the pump and take the air out by pushing a pin in the valve.