



### Looking ahead:

**Saturday, Dec 10** - Parent Info Session, 11AM

**Thursday, Dec 15** - Parent Evening in Violeta, 6PM

**Friday, Dec 16** - No School PD

**Dec 19-Jan 8** - No School Winter Break

**Snack & Laundry** - Jasper Schlubach

Remember: log-in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), click on "Violeta" & Amazon will donate to us!

"The senses, being explorers of the world, open the way to knowledge. Our apparatus for educating the senses offers the child a key to guide his explorations of the world, they cast a light upon it which makes visible to him more things in greater detail than he could see in the dark, or uneducated state."

-Dr. Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind

It was always the observed spontaneous activities of the child that came first and the materials second. The need for order, exactness, self-correction and reflection - all were qualities that Montessori saw were needed in order for the children to develop as they should. When she saw that children were particularly drawn to certain activities she then concentrated on developing materials that would extend that interest. She carefully took each of the senses and thought how best she could help the children to clarify and expand their existing experiences. By isolating specific qualities in the materials and by grading each set in ever-refined series, she was able to give the children the ability to increasingly refine each of their senses.



Miss. Molly at Niche shared her botanical encyclopedia with us!



The shapes and colors of the countries in South America appeal to my visual sense!



Nature provides the best sensorial exploration! Our nature table is rich with items to explore with my senses!



So many interesting sensations of the tasting bottles!



I enjoy distinguishing the pitches of the bells!