



Looking ahead:

**May 17** - Thur - 6pm Violeta Parent Evening

**Mon, May 14: Snack & Laundry** - Lillian

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*"Now the little child who manifests perseverance in his work as the first constructive act of his psychic life, and upon this act builds up internal order, equilibrium, and the growth of personality, demonstrates, almost as in a splendid revelation, the true manner in which man renders himself valuable to the community. The little child who persists in his exercises, concentrated and absorbed, is obviously elaborating the constant man, the man of character, he who will find in himself all human values, crowning that unique fundamental manifestation: persistence in work. Whatever task the child may choose it will be all the same, provided he persists in it. For what is valuable is not the work itself, but the work as a means for the construction of the psychic man."*

~Dr. Montessori

WorkZone:

Children Under Self-Construction and Physical Environment Under Construction!

Living into Violeta's Principle of a focus on Nature, Violeta seized the opportunity to cultivate each child's direct relationship with nature. Although we transported many Montessori materials, the most engaging activities included exploration of the abundant plant life in the garden and searching for insects. Over the week the children learned to care for the living environment in the natural world, botanical names, and gained courage to hold an insect.

Explore a new park or garden with your child, equipped with just a magnifying glass: after returning to the same park or garden notice the growth and development of your child's comfort and increased activity. Share with us the joy you witness!



Happily reading to my friends - they love when I read to them!



Snack tastes better in the park!



Joining word work (AKA Function of the Word) shows me the power of "and"!



Yesterday we just looked, today we picked up the pill bugs & worms!



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A morning working outside made us extra excited about an afternoon of work in Violeta!



Sweeping petals is my real



I collected enough corollas to make a petal shower!