



"The sensorial materials comprise a series of objects which are grouped together according to some physical quality which they have, such as color, shape, size, sound, texture, weight, temperature, and so forth. ... Every single group of objects represents the same quality but in different degrees; there is consequently a regular but gradual distinction between the various objects and, when this is possible, one that is mathematically fixed... Every series of objects... is graded so that there is a maximum and a minimum, which determines its limits, or which, more properly, are fixed by the use which a child makes of them."

~Dr. Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child

In Violeta we have created an environment within which each child freely interacts, opportunities to test the nature of the real world against the ideas each child is forming about it. It is the interactive relationship with things in Violeta which can be sensed - in other words, a safe and sanctioned atmosphere where this form of exploration is possible. The materials in the Sensorial area will assist our children (ages 3-6 years) in the verification of the classifications that, as toddlers, they had been busy trying to associate. The sensitive period for language (birth - 6 years) is directing each child's swift and accurate acquisition of it, and the words learned will be used like memory-markers, to make already-perceived information accessible in daily operating consciousness.

This is the critical time to learn how to discriminate with greater accuracy and in more detail, and further distinctions will emerge from within the initial generalizations. Different qualities perceived by the same sense may now be distinguished, for each sense gathers multiple types of information. When we hear a sound, for example, our brains register volume, pitch, and timbre. By providing our children with interactive materials that isolate specific sensorial qualities, a heightened level of clarity and distinction becomes possible for each child, and the resulting abstractions formed will have the qualities of accuracy and clarity as well.

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 - Ojo Joshi

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Sharing my work with you is a joy!



When I use a blindfold I focus my complete attention on the alternating textures of the rough and smooth boards!



The bells help me discern pitch!



I register tastes according to how sweet, salty, sour or bitter they are, in combination with the almost infinite variety of scents that can be discerned by my olfactory sense.



We found a new park with a sensorially rich mural!