



I do real work because it engages my mathematical mind!



Pairing the tones of the bells is satisfying!



Work is what I do to express what I know in a creative activity!



Mila; we celebrate our newest 5 year old!



Polishing the howler monkey from Costa Rica is my joyful work!



Only I can do my work: independently I move my arms & hands precisely to complete my BIG work!



Walking to Squirrel Brand Park and finding insects is my fascinating work!



Real work engages my mind, my hands, and my whole being!

Looking ahead:

May 11 - Open House: Follow Your Child

Thur, May 17- 6pm Violeta Parent Evening

Mon, May 7: Snack & Laundry - Henry

Log-in to smile.amazon.com, click on "Violeta" & Amazon will donate to us!

"Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment."

~Dr. Montessori



These windows are part of MY classroom: my work is to take good care them & everything in MY classroom!

This week the Teacher Leaders discussed how to move the children's Violeta classroom to a higher level. To do this we listened to the language we carefully choose that respects the child and provides consistent expectations. The words encourage the children to be independent, intrinsically motivated critical thinkers.

"I saw you working hard," rather than telling your child, "You're a good boy/girl."

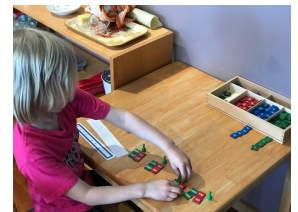
"In Violeta (or in our home), we walk," this little phrase reminds your child of rules and desired behaviors. Additionally, objective phrases about how the community works will more likely elicit cooperation. Doesn't it sound kinder than, "Stop running! Walk."?

Imagine the mindset of your child hearing from you, "Have a good day at work," rather than, "Go have fun at school." This phrase sets the expectation of work in Violeta rather than a playdate.

Living into Violeta's Principle of a seamless learning community, connecting home and Violeta, we invite you to use the language that will give daily support to the growth and development of all our children in Violeta.



Violeta's calm environment is perfect for me to work undisturbed & free from distractions!



Work focuses my attention - this opportunity calms my body and nourishes my spirit!