



“Love of silence and working alone...does not mean that the child likes to work in solitude; but rather that the psychological isolation, mentioned above, is the result of concentration.”

~E.M.Standing, Maria Montessori Her Life & Work, pg.176

These first weeks of the new school year in Violeta have set the tone for the children’s time in their beautiful classroom. We have prepared the materials that provide the *keys to the environment* for each child: through work with the materials the child learns. Through activity each child learns routines to care for the child’s own person and to care for the environment; these practical life activities provide motor education and social education. The child’s work in the practical life area aids concentration and independence through precision and practice with the materials.

Looking ahead:

Free Movies at the Museum of Science every Friday during October! <http://www.mos.org/free-film-fridays>

**Monday, Oct. 10** - No School (Indigenous People’s Day)

**Wednesday, Oct 19** - WF Network Parent Evening, 6:30-8PM: Mindfulness by Dina

**Friday, Oct 21** - No School (PD Day)

**Snack & Laundry** - Amaia Block



Water! Water! Water! “Large buckets of water strengthen my gross motor muscles.I am free to work

Preparation of the environment includes preparing the adults. Mindfulness training is at the core of our self-preparation. The Wildflower Foundation provides Leadership coaching from Dina Amsterdam to bring our best selves (mind, body, and heart) to our work with the children, you their parents, and each other. In the spirit of our home and school alliance, Dina will share her work and provide basic techniques to the parents in our October Network Parent Education Evening! Our intention is that through these practices you too will gain greater ease and harmony amidst the innate challenges and joys of being human. Dina will continue her work with us on “Leadership Within during our PD day this month.

This week The Wildflower Network hosted CEO Matt Kramer in a discussion about our Cambridge Hub successes and challenges in starting schools. The time together was a powerful opportunity for all the teacher leaders, fellows and partners to share priorities and navigate our path forward.



After looking at all the produce I found the perfect treasure to buy at our first visit to the Farmers’ Market!



“I cut fresh flowers to arrange in a vase and lovingly place on a doily to beautify my classroom. As I coordinate my muscles and focus my mind, I am learning to be a contributing member of my community.”



Individual activity like the snap frame helps me learn one skill, focus my mind on my work, and enhance my concentration. If it’s too tricky, I can always find a friend!”