



**Looking Ahead**  
**March 13-24. No School. Spring Vacation.**  
3/6 Snack, laundry, flowers: Nelson

“The hand is in direct connection with man’s soul, and not only with the individual’s soul, but also with the different ways of life that men have adopted on the earth in different places and at different times. The skill of a man’s hand is bound up with the development of his mind, and in the light of history we see it connected with the development of civilization. The hands of man express his thought ...”

Dr. Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, p.150.



Exercising my pincer grip and spatial awareness with the metal insets



Writing letters and stories.

A taste of Spring came and went this week, we enjoyed two balmy days with no jackets in the park!

It was a busy week for Mardie, Ale and Astrid, with admissions day on Wednesday, when we sent welcome letters to new families. Soon we will get to know our new friends!

Thank you for sharing your children’s experience at Violeta with us during our check ins on Friday. We discussed the importance of kind talk in Violeta and the need to work together to get unkind words out of our surroundings. We also discussed, among other things, the pencil grip, since many of our children are starting to write letters, numbers and words. The language buzz is going strong in Violeta! A good pincer grip allows the hand to become an instrument for the child’s intelligence instead of an obstacle to its expression. We practice the pincer grip with many activities in our classroom, from practical life activities like polishing, painting with brushes or sewing, to the sensorial materials with small knobs like the cylinder blocks, the maps, the geometric and botanic cabinets, and finally with the writing materials in the language area. When a child finally writes a sentence or a story, many things have come together: thought, language, emotion, and physical ability develop in harmony to make this experience a true reflection of the child’s personality.



Sounding out words in Spanish. Am I reading????!!!!



I also exercise my pincer grip manipulating the small beads of the decimal system



Balmy swinging in the park!



We are jamming, we are jamming, I hope you like jamming too!