



Looking Ahead

Nov 2-3. No school. Parent Check-Ins.
Nov 10, Fri. No School. Veteran's Day.
Nov 16, Thu. Violeta Parent Evening, 6-7:30.
Nov 22-24. No School. Thanksgiving.

10/23 Snack, laundry, flowers: **Luke**



Toda ayuda innecesaria a un organismo en desarrollo detiene su crecimiento.

“According to us, he cannot walk so we provide him with transport; he cannot work so we work for him. At the very moment of his entry into life, we give him an inferiority complex” (M.Montessori, *Absorbent Mind*, 157)

“We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit.” (M.Montessori, *Education for a New World*, 69)



Enjoying the balmy fall outside

This week we enjoyed a wonderful talk about parenting by Virginia Mc Hugh during our Wildflower Network Parent Evening. Virginia emphasized the importance of observing your child in order to respond to your child’s needs in an adequate manner. This requires both scientific knowledge about the needs of a developing child as well as the art of knowing when and how much support to offer, so that the true personality of your child will be revealed, the secret of your child. For this to happen, the child needs freedom, not just any freedom, but “freedom for the creative energy which is the urge of life towards the development of the individual”. And for this freedom to exist the child needs independence, opportunities to do things for him/herself. Montessori spoke about education as the conquest of successive stages of independence. Parents start this work at home by preparing an environment conducive to independence, with: order, free movement, opportunities for purposeful activity, appropriate choices (within limits), and respect (time and patience). Independence leads to individual development but also to being able to help others and feeling part of a wider whole, to interdependence. Being observant and aware of the child’s needs at all moments will help us to respond appropriately whenever we can. Parenting is an art and a science, an incredibly important work, for you, for your child and for society.



I wear a blindfold to isolate the perception of warm and cold, I can pair without looking!



We also practice writing on the sidewalk! Did you see our messages?



The Cylinder Blocks refine my three dimensional visual perception and indirectly prepare my pincer grip for writing.



There is a lot of writing these in Violeta, with the sand paper letters we trace, learn direction, then we practice on a chalkboard and finally on paper. We can then make our own booklets of the continents and write their names!



Henry’s third journey around the sun!