



“There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in Nature...so the children may better understand and participate in the marvelous things which civilization creates.” - Dr. Maria Montessori

Looking ahead:

**May 11** - 6PM Wildflower Network Parent Evening, Wild Rose Montessori, 2284 Massachusetts Ave

**May 14** - 2PM Parent Info Session: Invite a friend or share the event with parent groups! Aster Montessori School, 883 Cambridge St.

**May 21** - 9AM Montessori 101, Wild Rose Montessori, 2284 Massachusetts Ave

**May 30** - No School, Memorial Day

**Snack, Flowers, Laundry** - Julian

An attention to nature is a Wildflower School Principle: Violeta is abundant with plant life, we use the public garden in Squirrel Brand Park, we choose wood furnishings and other earth-friendly materials, and provide healthy snacks. This principle is rooted in Dr. Montessori’s pedagogy that the child’s connection to nature inspires wonder and is imperative for physical and psychological development.

Plants give the children firsthand experience in the needs of living things and how to care for them. The children wash the plant leaves which inspires the study of the different leaf shapes. Albert Einstein once declared, “Play is the highest form of research”.

But to become stewards of the world and become responsible caretakers of nature, the children must have personal links to their own forests and rivers and oceans. Children must explore the natural world in which they live.



The deeper the hole I dig, the more worms I unearth!



I am respectful when I explore: carefully replacing the brick path for the creatures who live below and those who walk on top when caring for the plants!



The rain has created the ideal conditions for finding wriggly worms!

I am learning how to polish the mirror and make Violeta more beautiful!



Read to us in Spanish and we can say all the farm animal names in Spanish!