

*The child's conquests of independence are the basic steps in what is called his 'natural development'. Dr. Montessori, The Absorbent Mind, p. 84*

Hello Violeta Families! We are having very busy days at Violeta, the children are starting to own their space with new vitality! Independence is growing and together with it their ability to make choices and stay focused to complete a work cycle. There is also a lot of social exploration going on, it is wonderful to see how the children offer to help each other and observe each other's work with respect. This is also the result of gained independence since I can only help someone once I am confident that I can do it myself. In this way independence leads to collaboration. New to the classroom this week is the iconic Pink Tower. We also explored acorns (bellotas) and chestnuts (castañas).

Please joins us on Tuesday for our Park Meeting at Violeta right after dismissal. Wednesday Violeta joins all the schools in 'a seamless learning community' at the Wildflower Network Parent Meeting: Independence through the lens of Montessori's Planes of Development.

### Important Dates

**10/12. No School. Columbus Day**

**10/13, Tue, 12:30pm**-right after dismissal, **Park Parent Meeting.**

**10/14, 6pm, Wed, Wildflower Network Parent Meeting,** at Wild Rose Montessori School, 2284 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge.

**10/17, 2pm, Sat. Wildflower Info Session,** at Wild Rose, 2284 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge.

### Next Week - (10/13)

Snack, Flowers, Laundry: Hagen



And the Pink Tower is here! Part of the visual exercises in the sensorial area, the pink tower represents variation of size in three dimensions.



Abraham painting with water color, while Hagen observes.



Theo tears paper while Luke explores chestnuts



Luke, Rohit and Alvar discussing a fire truck that just went by



Daphne feels rough, smooth, rough, smooth ...



Sunflowers are so very beautiful!

