



“The human being is a united whole, but this unity has to be built up and formed by active experiences in the real world, to which it is led by the laws of nature.”
 Dr. Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, p.203

There is always something new at Violeta! Kim Holleman still has many surprises for us. This week she added a new curtain that defines a beautiful space for our language area. We enjoyed reading books, singing songs and playing games in Spanish.

Our upcoming Network wide Parent Evening will take place at Violeta and we will talk about Executive Functions, a term very much related to Montessori’s concept of Exercise of the Will. She likened the will to a muscle that needs to be developed. Every day the children exercise their will in our classroom, choosing activities, persevering in a task, self-correcting, being patient and kind. This strengthens their learning in all areas. Their progress is shown in their concentration, confidence, serenity and joy.

Looking ahead:

Feb 12. No School. AMI Conference

Feb 15. No School: President’s Day

Feb 17, 6pm. Wildflower Network Montessori Evening. At Violeta.

Feb 20. Wildflower Network Info Session.

2/9 Flowers, Snack, Laundry: Ava



I mark a hole in the block and I have to find the cylinder that goes in it, it is a fun game and I can always play again if I make a mistake.



No more snow in the garden, we are making bubbles and new holes in the soil, even when it rains!



It got so cozy in our language area! We are singing “el escarabajo” song!



Mirrors are so interesting ... I have to remember many steps to make them clean and shiny!



Marching around the classroom to a beat, we have to balance our bodies so the scarfs don’t fall off our heads!



We made music with the ukulele and took turns to play!