



“We construct our mind through abstraction, through symbol and synthesis. If we could not do this, no construction of the mind, or of the intellect, would be possible.”

...
 “Great creations come from the mathematical mind, so we must always consider all that is mathematical as a means of mental development.”
 Maria Montessori

Looking Ahead

May 18, Thur. Montessori 101, 5:30PM-9:30pm
May 20, Sat. Montessori 101, 9am-1pm
May 22, Mon. 6-7:30. Violeta Parent Evening.
May 25, Fri. No School, Professional Dev Day
May 29, Mon. No School, Memorial Day

5/8 Snack, laundry, flowers: Ellie



This has been a week of celebrations at Violeta, with birthdays and Spring finally here! We had a kazoo celebration on our doorstep and moved the parklet planters, full of tulips, under our front windows. We are back in Squirrel Park, finding worms and butterflies. We planted beans and are waiting for the avocados to sprout! In Violeta we keep cultivating habits. Habits that will allow the children to express their being in the most complete way wherever they may be. Habits of being with themselves and with others. Habits of doing, exercising the will and building their character. Habits of mind that will energize their curiosity and allow them to explore and understand.



Happy birthday Jibril!

Children in Violeta love math materials. The older they get the more they love them, every new lesson is a huge “aha” moment. In the math materials there is a clear road to abstraction that is tangible yet surprising, real yet mysterious. A real, concrete experience opens the mind to a world of conceptual, abstract, relationships and possibilities that fills the mind with excitement. Through mathematics we cultivate important habits of the mind that will lead the child to observe, analyze, relate, classify, organize, find patterns, structures and spatial relationships, strive for exactitude, explain, justify, predict, interpret ... these are all habits of the creative mind.



Happy birthday Mila!



I am creating my own map of Asia!



We are learning the parts of the flower.



I am writing the names of the shapes of leaves with the movable alphabet



I found the thickest worm at Squirrel Park!