

“To let the child do as he likes when he has not yet developed any powers of control, is to betray the idea of freedom.... Real freedom, instead, is a consequence of development; it is the development of latent guides, aided by education. Development is active. It is the construction of the personality, reached by effort and one’s own experiences; it is the long road which every child must travel to attain maturity.”

M.Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*(255–256)

Looking Ahead

Nov 12. 11am. Info Session at Dandelion Montessori School.

Nov 17. 6-7:30pm. Violeta Parent Evening.

Nov 23-25. No School. Thanksgiving Break.

11/14 Snack, laundry, flowers: Jibril



Planting bulbs for the Spring in the parklet!



Making a collage with the colored papers I carefully cut with scissors



Exploring the relationships between the green and yellow series of knobless cylinders

We are enjoying the last days of a balmy Autumn. The light in Violeta is beautiful and the colors around us very soothing. We continue to explore our sensorial materials which are so attractive and interesting. The sensorial materials isolate qualities (touch, shape, color, sound, etc) and allow the child to explore relationships, building a grammar of the sense, in the same way that language combines sounds to create words and meaning. The way we work in all areas in the Montessori environment can be described in this way: we first explore sensorially (sounds, quantity, shapes, etc), then we learn the symbols that represent concepts abstracted from the experience (letters, numbers, names), finally we associate the sensorial experience with the symbol.

This process involves work with many different materials exploring the same concept in different ways and relating different concepts to each other and to the world around. It is a wonderful journey of discovery carried out by the children themselves. This week Dr. Levi and Dr. Forero shared with us, in English and Spanish, how important our teeth are and how to take care of them. Thank you! On Thursday, 6pm., we have our first Violeta Parent Evening. We will talk about the area of Practical Life and the ways it supports the development of our children, we will have plenty of time for open conversation and good food. See you all then!



Reading a story to my friends before they go to Snowdrop



Our favorite Oak tree at Senott Park, we collect acorns and beautiful leaves



Interesting work at the park: raking and vacuuming leaves into a truck!