



“The emphasis on freedom is for the development of individuality. The emphasis on discipline is for the benefit of the individual and of society.” (107)

“There is freedom in the environment. There is discipline, which arises out of the environment. There is joy, which is a sign of healthy growth. The conditions provide for mutual understanding, co-operation and helpfulness which are the roots of morality and character.” (112)

M.Montessori, *What you should know about your Child*

### Looking Ahead

**June 2, Fri. 7:15pm. Violeta Parent Dinner, 26 Royal Street, Cambridge.**

**June 8, Thur. 11:30am. Family Picnic, Squirrel Park.**

**June 8, Thur. Last Day of School.**

5/30 Snack, laundry, flowers: Alvar



Lots of activity in Violeta



Practicing writing letters with the sand tray and sharing a cup of orange juice!

One of our main aims in our work with children is to promote independence. Independence requires physical skills, knowledge, perseverance, and confidence. We practice this through concrete activities that integrate the body, the mind and the emotions. With independence comes freedom. The idea of freedom in the Montessori environment is a sophisticated one. The child achieves freedom when she is able to follow her natural path of development, when she can choose for herself those things that promote her particular development. Freedom then, requires the discipline to recognize and follow one's inner needs, which in turn relies on self-knowledge, perseverance, and character. There is no real freedom without discipline. Society relies both on freedom and discipline, so that independence can be transformed into interdependence, the individual at the service of society. We are witnessing this interdependence at Violeta. The children have become part of a group, they are aware of each other's needs, they help each other, they joyfully cooperate with each other.



We are so in tune with life around us. The summer has sparked our interest in plants and insects in Violeta



This story is so interesting, thank you Finn!



I get a little help rolling the apron



We realized Violeta is the name of a flower, and the name of a color, and the name of our school!



Planting pumpkin seeds in the planters