

*“The outward freedom that we shall attain will only be in exact proportion to the inward freedom to which we may have grown at a given moment” Mahatma Gandhi*

Hello Violeta Families! We had our monthly Parent Evening at Wild Rose Montessori School. The Wildflower community came together to share experiences and gain valuable direction in helping children develop independence. We talked about independence through the different stages of development, how it looks for a toddler (1.5 to 3 years old), a primary child (3 to 6 years old) and an elementary child (6 to 12 years old). It was very interesting to hear the Montessori experts discuss these stages in reference to bedtime experiences. Independence in the Montessori environment is the result of the exercise of freedom within limits, and those limits are different and are set differently in each stage as the child develops his/her ability to reason and make conscious choices. We talked about the importance of routines in helping children become independent especially in the 0 to 6 stage, as the child is gradually developing her/his conscious mind. One way we support independence at Violeta is through order, everything has a specific place and we have a consistent schedule/routine. Independence is further developed through the skills practiced in the Practical Life area.

### Important Dates

**10/17, Sat 2pm. Wildflower Info Session**, at Wild Rose Montessori School, 2284 Massachusetts Ave.  
**10/20. 12:30pm Walk to the Park**  
**11/5-6. Parent/Teacher Meetings**  
**11/6. Parent Fridays begin!**

### Next Week - (10/19)

Snack, Flowers: Abraham - Laundry: Theo



“When utensils, bowls and portions are set up for me I can help myself”



“After my watercolor lesson I can follow the sequence of steps independently to paint my masterpiece and leave things in order for others to do the same”



“Our new small button dressing frame helps me practice the skills to fasten my shirt independently”



“I am developing my hand to eat, write, make bows, and maybe play the piano?”



“Once I get the hang of the snapping frame I will be able to snap my own pants!”



“The brown stairs lesson showed me to discriminate changes in size in two dimensions”

