



Looking ahead:

Free Movies at the Museum of Science every Friday during October! <http://www.mos.org/free-film-fridays>

Wednesday, Oct 19 - WF Network Parent Evening, 6:30-8PM: Mindfulness by Dina Wild Rose, 2284 Massachusetts Ave, 02140

Friday, Oct 21 - No School (PD Day with Dina)

Snack & Laundry - Daphne Argueso

Remember: log-in to smile.amazon.com, click on "Violeta" & Amazon will donate to us!

“We must clearly understand that when we give the child freedom and independence, we are giving freedom to a worker already braced for action, who cannot live without working and being active.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, Chapter 8, p. 91

There is an observable calm and peace in Violeta. The prepared materials, the *keys to the environment*, are so attractive and inviting to each child that the children are interested in every unique challenge presented in each activity. Within each activity is a built-in control of error that gives freedom to the child for exploration and eventual perfection through repetition. This intrinsic motivation aids the child’s process of self-teaching and burgeoning independence.

We the adults vigilantly preserve the orderly environment and remain the dynamic link between the child and the prepared environment.

Who knew there were so many different names for an apple?



I use the wood polishing work to care for all the wooden objects in Violeta such as the metal inset pencil holder.



Independently and sequentially, I follow each step demonstrated to me. I am getting the hang of mirror polishing because I can repeat the process for as long and as often as I wish!



I can help my friend roll-up their work mat because I can roll it so small and precisely that it fits in the ring and is flat on the ends.



I know that I have washed the chalkboard properly when I look at it and see the section where the chalk dust was is now clean!



There is a process to everything! Even paste is done in a way that I can master and do without any help.

