



Looking Ahead
Jan 15, Mon. No school. MLK Day.
Jan 24, Wed. Violeta Parent Evening, 6-7:30.
Feb 1, Fri. Re-enrollment forms due.
 1/16 Snack, laundry, flowers: **Lillian**



Violeta at the Winter Farmers Market

“When the children have become acquainted with silence ... (they) go on to perfect themselves; they walk lightly, take care not to knock against furniture, move their chairs without noise, and place things upon the table with great care ... these children are serving their spirits”

M.Montessori, *Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook*



Snow covered playground, what fun!

Happy New Year! ¡Feliz Año!



Face painting fun at the Winter Market!

When you have a child and you reflect back on the year that passed you realize how much happens in a year!

One year is 25% of a 4 year old's life on this earth, it is amazing to see how much they grow and learn in such a short period. These years are the most creative in a person's life, imagine learning the English language, and the beginnings of so many more languages, the language of gestures and emotions, the language of music, the language of sensorial impressions, the language of math, the Spanish language. This stage is foundational for the whole personality of the child. We want to provide the child with an environment that will support the construction of his/her personality, in a coherent and consistent way, until the first stage is completed around 6 years of age. If the child is allowed this opportunity his/her personality will be more harmoniously constructed, and stronger.

As we get back into the routine of our work cycle we are trying to make the children especially aware of sounds around them and the beauty of silence. For this we play various games that you can also practice at home: invite your child to listen to the rain, the wind, the sound of their feet splashing in a puddle; invite him to close his eyes for 20 seconds and then ask him what he heard; have her close her eyes, make different sounds (e.g. jingling keys, cramp or tear paper, etc) and ask her to identify them.



Practicing with the Button Frame



Tracing and painting my own Map of the World



Telling my sister all about Violeta!



Luke's sixth journey around the sun, Happy Birthday Luke!



Grading beautiful colors



Sharing the books I love



Working on Addition Tables