

Looking ahead:

Dec 18 Jan 5 - Winter Break (Winter Playgroup)

Wed, Jan 24 - Violeta Montessori Parent Evening 6-7:30PM

Tentative date ahead:

Wed, Feb 28 - WF Parent Evening with **Debbie Irving** 6:30-8PM

Mon, Nov 6: Snack & Laundry - Lucas Sherman Chang

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“One day I had the idea of using silence to test the children’s keenness of hearing, so I thought of calling them by name, in a low whisper, from a certain distance, as is the custom in certain medical tests. The child called was to come up to me, walking so as not to make a sound. With forty children this exercise in patient waiting demanded a patience that I thought impossible, so I brought with me some sweets as a reward for each child who came to me. But the children refused the sweets. They seemed to say, “Don’t spoil our lovely experience, we are still filled with delight of the spirit, don’t distract us.” And so I realized that children were sensible not only to silence but to a voice calling imperceptibly in silence. They came up slowly, walking on tip-toe, taking care not to knock into things, and their footsteps could scarcely be heard.”



~Dr. Montessori



The Silence Game empowers the children to appreciate and experience a quieter environment in which to be. The Silence Game highlights the sound of silence and we learn how to impact that sound as we modulate our voices in Violeta. We are learning to be quieter people. For those who have embraced The Silence Game, there is a new love for working in Violeta. Together we created a new audio environment by bringing the silence into Violeta through our quieter ways of being: we lower the volume of our voices; we soundlessly move our bodies, our furniture, and our



materials; and when spoken to we listen carefully. The older children experienced a joyful environment in which to work where they gain habits free of shouts or screams. The older children then bring these heightened expectations to the morning session for their younger peers to witness. I welcome all our families and Violeta Community Members to bring more silence to your homes and lives. It may start with 5 minutes of silence before bed or during a meal or a car ride and slowly add a minute or two over time. As important as spoken language is to our children, so too is a love of silence and being quiet with one’s self.



Working in a beautiful and quiet environment like Violeta brings me great joy!