



### Looking ahead:

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

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

**Snack & Laundry** - Teo Argueso

Remember: log-in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), click on "Violeta" & Amazon will donate to us!

“... the first thing his education demands is the provision of an environment in which he can develop the powers given him by nature. This does not mean just to amuse him and let him do what he likes. But it does mean that we have to adjust our minds to doing a work of collaboration with nature, to being obedient to one of her laws, the law which decrees that development comes from environmental experience.”

-Dr. Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind, Chapter 8, p. 89



I freely interact with the environment and gain confidence in my abilities to work!

The prepared environment satisfies all the developmental needs of children during the very important first plane, birth to six years. Each one of your children is in this magical period and endowed with a unique power to absorb knowledge; Violeta is a hand crafted environment for your children to freely move, work and develop, absorbing what s/he discovers! One aim of Violeta’s prepared environment is to help the children grow to be independent. Furnishings, windows, counters, tables, and plants are all proportioned to the children’s physical needs and size. This means that the children experience and interact with the environment directly.

In Violeta your child’s learning happens by creating the space, we wish to create an equally supportive structure for you, the parents, to have a nurturing environment in which to learn! Your first opportunity to do group lessons and peer learning was at the first Parent Evening (held monthly), mutual listening and sharing will be during the Parent Check-Ins and Pre-Check-Ins, and next month your individual lessons will commence with Parent Fridays.



Like a family dining together, we eat lunch with grace and manners! Each meal begins with a shared poem, is enjoyed by candle light, and ends with cleaning the floor and table.

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Tables to scrub, leaves to polish, windows to wash...Violeta is my children's house; my friends and I work to take care of our beautiful environment!



After receiving the lesson on scrubbing a table, I am free to repeat the scrubbing because everything is prepared and ready for me to work on my own. I actively engage with the prepared environment!