



“It takes a universe
to make a child both
in outer form and inner
spirit. It takes
a universe to educate
a child. A universe
to fulfill a child”

Thomas Berry, *It Takes a Universe*

What a sunny week we had! We could finally enjoy our new corner in the garden!

It was also a busy week in our classroom. On Monday, we received a box full of shoes, courtesy of the MIT Media Lab, research team that will be working with us over the next month developing software to support our observations in the classroom. The kids love their new burgundy shoes and wear them proudly!

Virginia McHugh Goodwin was with us on Wednesday and we spent the afternoon planning and exchanging ideas and perspectives about our classroom. Her observations are always very inspiring. She is an experienced Montessorian and the former President of AMI/USA, and she is sharing her expertise with the Wildflower Network.

We enjoyed a beautiful Parent Evening talking about how the Montessori sensorial materials bring nature into our classroom in the form of materialized abstractions, allowing the children to go back to nature with refined senses and an observant mind. Nature is not only the inspiration for learning, understanding, relating, and creating, it also offers a positive, constructive vision of an interrelated universe that nurtures the spirit.

Looking ahead:

April 18, Mon - **No School**, Patriots Day and the Boston Marathon!

May 5, Thu, 5:30-9:30pm – **Montessori 101**, for New Violeta Families

May 11, Wed – Wildflower Network **Parent Evening**

May 21, Sat, 9am-1pm – **Montessori 101**

4/11 Flowers, Snack, Laundry: Ava



Digging in our new corner with great enthusiasm and camaraderie!



A story on a sunny morning



Writing the names of the continents with the movable alphabet.



Symbols we use to represent quantities in the decimal system



Matching flowers in the garden