



Looking ahead:

Dec. 16, Wed., 6-7:45pm. Wildflower Network Parent Evening, at Wild Rose Montessori School, 2284 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge.

Dec. 21-Jan.8. No school. Winter Break.

Jan 11. Back to School.

12/14 Flowers, Snack, Laundry: Rohit

“The vision of the teacher should be at once precise like that of the scientist, and spiritual like that of the saint... Positive and scientific, because she has an exact task to perform, and it is necessary that she should put herself into immediate relation with the truth by means of rigorous observation... Spiritual, because it is to man that his powers of observation are to be applied, and because the characteristics of the creature who is to be his particular subject of observation are spiritual.” (Dr. Montessori, *The Advanced Montessori Method I*)

Another beautiful week at Violeta accompanied by great weather. We found some happy buttercups flowering in the garden, some days it felt like spring!

This will be our last week before the Winter Break. On Wednesday we have a Parent Evening together with the whole Wildflower Network, at Wild Rose Montessori. We will be talking about Observation and Assessment. Observation is one of the fundamental aspects of a good Montessori Program, since it is through the observation of children’s spontaneous activity (supported by free choice) that we can identify their particular interests and needs in order to support their whole development. We would like to share the joys observation with you: before our meeting try observing your child focused on something, making his own discoveries and relationships, do not interrupt with comments or information, get a book and hide behind it. You will marvel at their attention to detail, their purposeful movements and concentration, their wonder and curiosity. You will witness a glimpse of your child’s inner being, the person that he is becoming.



We savor these balmy days and fading colors of autumn! We delight in crayon rubbings to gain the impressions of a the leaves shapes



Singing new songs: Oso Pardo, from E.Carle’s book, Hagen accompanying with the Ukelele

Things we discovered in the garden:



A thousand seeds inside a dry flower pod



A cordate leaf!



Worms!