



Looking Ahead

May 18, Thur. Montessori 101, 5:30PM-9:30pm

May 19, Fri. No School, PDD

May 20, Sat. Montessori 101, 9am-1pm

May 22, Mon. 6-7:30. Violeta Parent Evening

May 29, Mon. No School, Memorial Day

5/15 Snack, laundry, flowers: Ojo

“We ourselves have lost this deep and vital sensitiveness, and in the presence of children in whom we see it reviving, we feel as if we were watching a mystery being unfolded. It shows itself in the delicate act of free choice, which a teacher untrained in observation can trample on before she even discerns it, much as an elephant tramples the budding flower about to blossom in its path.”

M.Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*



Making music with our feet



How many ways can I make the whole? I am exploring relationships between fractions of a whole.

Observation is the starting point of our work in the classroom. We aim to create an environment that responds to the needs and interests of the children. The Montessori curriculum was created through a process of observation and experimentation: Maria Montessori brought materials into the classroom and observed the children’s interactions with them. She observed things like interest, repetition, precision, independence, concentration, perseverance. She then adapted the materials and the environment itself according to her observations. It is the children that guided the whole process, it is a true child centered environment that follows the development of the child. Observation continues to be at the core of our everyday practice. Even though there is a basic curriculum displayed in the set of materials, children are evolving, growing, every day they are a different



Which two bottles have the same scent?

person, every day opens up new avenues for development. We observe each child as a new being every day, free of any previous ideas or preconceptions, because we need to discover that which is just beginning to be able to give it the opportunity to develop in its own, natural, unique, way.

Observation needs to be the cornerstone of parenting, and it is a practice, like meditation. Take ten minutes every day, just to sit and observe with a clear, silent mind, without any expectations. This is the truest way to know your child. It will bring respect, acceptance and joy. Everything else should naturally flow from there.



I am writing the numbers from the labels on the 7 chain onto a loooooong piece of paper



Drawing with a graphite pencil, like the first humans used to!



Sewing requires a lot of concentration and precision with my fingers



Oh! the colors you can make with just red, blue and yellow!