



“[The child has] an intense and specialized sensitiveness in consequence of which the things about him awaken so much interest and so much enthusiasm that they become incorporated in his very existence. The child *absorbs* these impressions not with his mind but with his life itself?”

M.Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, 24



With the geometric cabinet I experience shapes with my visual and tactile senses



I isolate the tactile sensation of rough and smooth by wearing a blindfold



So many ways to work with numbers! Our beautiful Bead Chains offer me a sensorial experience of lineal counting, the square and the cube of a number!

Children have an absorbent mind, and this work of absorbing is done first and foremost through the senses. This process happens naturally, unconsciously, and without discrimination. That is why we have to consciously prepare the environment to offer the best experience to the child, not to overprotect him, but to help him construct his unique best self with the best materials available for this construction. Our classroom is designed to appeal, in a very special and intense way, to the child's senses. It is a classroom rich in colors, textures, shapes, sounds, tastes, that leads the child to refine his perceptions and relate these qualities to each other and to the world around him. This is the basis of both analytical thought and creativity. The child compares and distinguishes, establishing relationships in meaningful, real ways. Thank you everyone for sharing Parent Conferences with us!



I build numbers with the decimal system card numbers, and sensorially experience place value: I need both the card of 10 and the card of 3 to make 13!



From the three dimensional to the two dimensional representation of our planet Earth, the continents look a little different but not so much.



The botanic cabinet: I trace the leaves, learn the names of different shapes and I can then identify them in the park!



Tasting jars: is it bitter? Is it sweet? Is it salty? Is it sour?



The metal insets: I design with the shapes of our geometric cabinet and exercise my beautiful pincer grip!

Looking Ahead

- Nov 11. No School. Veterans Day.
- Nov 12. 11am. Info Session at Dandelion Montessori School.
- Nov 23-25. No School. Thanksgiving Break.
- 11/7 Snack, laundry, flowers: Isabella