

GUIDE LINES FOR OBSERVING AND VISITING OUR CLASSROOM

We love observers and parent visitors. Please support our peaceful environment :

Turn off your cell phone. Please leave the room if you must take a call.

Refrain from taking photos.

Stay seated in one place. If you feel a need to see another part of the classroom, check in with a teacher. When you move, please do so calmly and slowly. Sit only in chairs or on the floor, not on tables or shelves.

Look for children who are engaged and concentrating. Part of the adult's role in the classroom is to protect concentration ; please do not interrupt children who are engaged with your questions or comments.

If a child engages you, feel free to speak with him or her briefly. Our children in the Casa may offer you tea-please accept their offer of hospitality - it helps them feel great! If a child invites you to read or play with them, something you can say is, 'I came to see what you do at school - would you like to show me something that you love to do?'

If you want to share your enthusiasm or gratitude with a child, please say something like, 'Thank you for showing me that!', or give neutral feedback, like 'I notice you took the tower apart and then put it back together. What were you thinking about?' If you have questions about our

Please leave a note in our 'Observers' Journal'



Thank you for coming in and spending time with us. We hope you enjoy your time with the children. Dr. Montessori called her classrooms the 'Children's House'. We take this to heart, and foster an environment and practice that puts the children in the center of their experience. We view children as capable people who are compelled to activity according to their own perfect unique plan for development. We strive to create an environment that cultivates this practice.