Montessori Classroom Observations

Because it takes time to develop a classroom in which children are absorbed in their work, observations begin at all sites after the first conference. Interested persons may make an appointment with the principal or the school’s secretary to visit a classroom. For further details, please refer to the following Observation Guidelines.

Observation Guidelines

• Observations begin after the first parent teacher conference.

• Appointments are made with the principal or the school’s secretary to insure the best use of your time.

• To keep disruptions to a minimum, observation appointments are for adults only.

• Please arrive at least five minutes before your appointed time to be welcomed by a school representative who will give you hints for observing and take you to the classroom.

• A visitor’s chair is provided for your convenience.

• If you are spoken to, a brief answer will suffice. You may wish to suggest that the child go on with his/her work so that you can continue your work of observing.

• The school representative will be happy to answer your questions after your observation time. The teachers and assistants are busy facilitating learning and may not be available for questions during your visit.

• We ask that you restrict your observation time to 30 minutes.

• Further questions may be directed to the school principals.