

Elementary – May 10, 2019



It is coming to the end of the year and children are already anticipating the changes in the air. That makes me think about the importance of a Three Year Cycle. Over a hundred years ago, Dr. Montessori observed children through a scientific lens, noting the significant developmental changes that happen to the children as they grow older. She discovered that there were points of high energy and intense intake of information and there were times when the children seem settled physically, emotionally, and intellectually. She noted that there was a glorious benefit to giving the children the time to develop at their own pace. It takes about three years for a young child to work through a series of developmental growths and stages. It is that third year that we all consider the crowning moment. Children metamorphosize from a young life form to one that is now a butterfly and is ready to spread their wings.

This week the Elementary environments welcomed the transitioning children for a visit. Young and eager Primary students entered into the Lower Elementary environments and began to navigate new friendships and work. Simultaneously, Lower Elementary children traveled down the hallway to the Upper Elementary environment. Who knew that such a small distance could impact a young child so much? There was enthusiasm, laughter, kindness, and joy permeating the Elementary wing. As the Third Years explored a new environment, the Second Years in Primary and Lower Elementary had a moment to see what it would be to be the oldest in the room finally and that always fluffs the feathers a bit, and with that, the child rises to new levels of responsibility.

We know that the children will all have new beginnings in the fall and we hope that each one of you know how much the staff adores and cares deeply for each child. We are always here, ready to greet the children with open arms.

With Gratitude,

Lisbeth and the Elementary Team