



Focused Learning.  
Independent Thinking.

## Classroom Visit Guidelines

Welcome to our school! Please take a moment to read the following information.

We believe that having the opportunity to observe children at work in a Montessori environment is the best way to understand the Montessori approach to education. During your 30-minute classroom observation we ask that you follow the guidelines below to make the most of your visit.

1. You will be seated in an observation chair. Please remain seated in this chair throughout your visit. What do you notice when you first enter the classroom? What's your first impression?
2. Feel free to talk quietly to children who speak to you first. After a few moments please tell them that you need to return to your "work" of observing the classroom.
3. Choose one or two students and track their activity throughout your visit.
  - a. How do children interact with each other and the adults in the environment?
  - b. What different learning experiences did you see in the classroom?
  - c. What do you notice about the overall activity level in the classroom? Are the children active and engaged?
  - d. What do you notice has been put in place to foster the child's independence in the classroom?
  - e. How do different children display different levels of independence, self-motivation, concentration, and problem-solving skills?
4. Please note any comments or questions on the back of this paper for discussion with the Director of Admissions after your observation.

Thank you and enjoy your visit!

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