

Casa di Mir's Guidelines for Classroom Observation

Elementary Classrooms

We are delighted that you have chosen to visit our school and think you will enjoy what you see. If you arrive during circle time (i.e., 8:30 a.m. in the 9-12 class or 8:45 a.m. in the 6-9 class), we ask that you sit outside the circle to observe. During work period, you may move around the room, quietly and unobtrusively, settling in a chair or remaining standing. Observations are limited to 2 visitors per room.

While in the classroom, we ask that you...

Please Do...

- ★ *Be an "invisible" observer*
- ★ *Turn off cell phone/pager*
- ★ *Respect the classroom environment*
- ★ *Save questions for the Admissions Director*
- ★ *Observe children working alone and together, often in mixed ages*
- ★ *Look for qualities of independence, concentration, problem-solving and joy*

Please Do Not...

- ★ *Engage children or teachers in conversation*
- ★ *Chat with your spouse/friend*
- ★ *Handle materials or papers on the shelves or in student cubbies*

