

## *Casa di Mir's Guidelines for Classroom Observation*

### *Primary Rooms*

We are delighted that you have chosen to visit our school and think you will enjoy what you see. There is a lot to take in from a Montessori classroom and we ask that you leave children at home to allow you to fully focus on observing the work period.

Keep in mind that, sometimes, our teachers are simply observing the students rather than actively teaching.

You will be given 15 minutes to observe in each of our two Primary classes.

The Admissions Director will return to escort you between classrooms.

If you must leave the classroom before that time, please go directly to the school office.

If circumstances are such that you must bring your child(ren), we will limit the classroom visit to a brief walk-through.

Observations are limited to two visitors per room.

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

#### *Do...*

- ★ *Be an "invisible" observer*
- ★ *Sit on the stool provided*
- ★ *Respect the classroom environment*
- ★ *Turn off cell phone/pager or set to silent mode – NO phone calls at this time!*
- ★ *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*

#### *Do Not...*

- ★ *Engage children or teachers in conversation*
- ★ *Chat with your spouse/other visitors*
- ★ *Handle materials or papers on the shelves*
- ★ *Walk around the room*

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with our observation guidelines!

