

## Puppy Dog Room

As you come to observe the Puppy Dog room in the beginning weeks, you will see the seeds of the work cycle forming throughout the morning. The children are free to choose from the shelves and work in their own style. They may choose to spend a long period of time on one piece of work. This allows for deep concentration and analysis. Dr. Montessori called this the work cycle. Within the work cycle students are free to choose what to study, how to study it, and where to study it. If a child chooses something they have never worked with before, they are offered a presentation from another student or a teacher. It is always a beautiful moment to observe one classmate showing another how to do something in the room. The self-confidence and grace an older child exhibits when presenting a work, and a younger child's attention and acceptance of the lesson is one of the key reasons a Montessori class is made up of mixed ages.

“We cannot know the consequences of suppressing a child's spontaneity when he is just beginning to be active. We may even suffocate life itself. That humanity which is revealed in all its intellectual splendor during the sweet tender age of childhood should be respected with veneration. It is like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom.” Dr. Montessori