

## How to Observe a Montessori Classroom

### Welcome to First Presbyterian Montessori School

**The Visit:** To get the most from your visit, we ask that you make child care arrangements for your child on the day of your observation. It distracts you from your visit when your child accompanies you and it can be quite disruptive to our classroom as well. We want this to be a positive, learning experience for you.

**Below are simple guidelines that we encourage you to use when you are observing our room.**

1. We ask that you be as quiet and unobtrusive as possible so that you can see the classroom functioning in the most normal circumstances.
2. You can sit quietly and observe the children working and you may also walk around the room to see the work more closely. We ask that you not disturb or begin conversing with the children as they are working. The children will be very interested in who you are and why you are there. A good answer to this question is "I am here to see what kind of work you are doing." You may use this paper to take notes and make observations that you would like to discuss with us.
3. It will not be possible for us to take you on a personal tour of the room or answer your questions until before or after school hours. We know that you will understand that our first responsibility is to the children as we are sure you would want it to be if your child were in the class.
4. If you are observing with someone else, we ask that you do **NOT** converse with him/her.

Thank you for your interest in Montessori. You may call us at 706-812-8513 if you have any additional questions or need further information.