

ELEMENTARY 1 – GAMMA

The Gamma Community is beginning to settle in to our love-filled work days. We're beginning to realize all of our potential and limitations — as individuals, as a group, and within our physical environment. Every day, every moment, there's a passionate, dynamic expression of freedom and discipline.

We're working hard developing rich, respectful relationships. This has mostly been joyful work, but we all know that *maintaining* relationships is a lot of work. We hope the children will know that in their more difficult moments, either friends or adults will be there to guide them through. We encourage discussions at home, and hope to hear from parents with concerns and children's happy stories.

This is my first year at Hand In Hand, so of course I, too, am developing relationships, navigating schedules, routines, and developing lessons according to the scope and sequence at Hand In Hand. Everything is beautifully and lovingly engineered and creative. I'm realizing the authentic expression of being guided hand in hand.

It's such an important job, to love, guide, and educate our children, I'll never feel I'm fully prepared, and I'm humbled each day the children enter their classroom. I'm honored and delighted to be brought into this God-filled, creative work, preparing them for a future that they will love, and to which they'll bring their fullest expression of love.

Society must recognize the importance of the child as the builder of humanity and come to have a profound appreciation of the psychic roots determining whether the mature adult will seek positive or negative goals.

~ Maria Montessori ~

*Educate for Peace, Sixth International Montessori Congress
(photo Maria Montessori with students 1951)*

