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### Normalization

**“This is the single most important result of our whole work.** The transition from one stage to another always follows a piece of work done by the hands with real things, work accompanied by mental concentration.” Maria Montessori

If you recently observed our Primary classroom you would have seen many of the characteristics that define a normalized classroom. Montessori found that normalized children have a love of order.... love to work...profound spontaneous concentration.... they are attached to reality...they have a love of silence and working alone.... they have sublimated the possessive instinct...they are cheerfully obedient...and they possess independence and initiative. They are cooperative and mutually helpful. They possess self-discipline and joy.

“The essential thing is for the task to arouse such an interest that it engages the whole personality. In our schools this moment of healing is not the point of arrival.... but it is the point of departure, after which “freedom of action” consolidates and develops the personality.” Maria

From the start of the school year, our teachers have been working towards this goal. We know that for normalization to occur:

- The hands (or physical activity) must be involved
- The components of the activity must be grounded in reality
- The child must so be engrossed in the activity that he is concentrating fully on it.
- The activity must be freely chosen by the child
- He must be able to complete it without interruptions
- These conditions must recur enough times to allow the child to develop new habits of behavior.

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None of this could occur without the three hour uninterrupted work cycle. I am attaching again my recently published article on this very important aspect of the Montessori method.

For more information on normalization, please see our own video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rol3BAmHrc&feature=youtu.be>.

I am happy to answer any questions and invite you to come and observe the classroom before the school year comes to an end. I am so proud of our children who have arrived at this level and of our teachers who have worked so diligently to make this possible. Bravo!

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### MUFFINS WITH MOM

We would like to invite all moms and grandmas to join us on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8am – 9am. Come and share a snack with your child and receive a presentation or two!

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**May 2016**

6 Muffins with Mom

27 End of the year picnic and last day of school. We close at 1pm to give the teachers time to prepare for Summer Camp.

