

# The Children's House of Wellington



## Visitor Guidelines

*The presence of a visitor affects the classroom atmosphere. So you may observe as natural and typical a day as possible, we ask that you follow these suggestions while you are here today:*

- 1. Please find a place to sit quietly and observe. Please feel free to walk outside if children are outdoors and to move your chair to see another area.*
- 2. Please do not initiate conversations with the children or with the teachers.*
- 3. If a child approaches you and asks a question, answer the child briefly and naturally, but do not extend the conversation. Try to "fade into the wallpaper."*
- 4. Return to the school office when you have completed your observation of the classroom so that we can address questions you may have.*

*For a more meaningful observation, we suggest you observe:*

- ✿ How the children choose their activities, and note their choice.*
- ✿ The manner in which the children work alone or in groups.*
- ✿ The degree of interest and concentration displayed by a working child.*
- ✿ The varying degrees of "ability to follow through", complete a task, and return the materials correctly to their proper place.*
- ✿ Order in the classroom: freedom to choose own work; to work alone uninterrupted; to work with another child if that is the wish of both; to move about; to talk quietly.*
- ✿ The teacher intervenes and restricts freedom when a child disturbs or interrupts the work of others. The teacher intervenes to invite the child to engage in constructive activity.*
- ✿ The respect the children are shown and the willingness of children to help each other.*

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