

## **SLIPPERS**

The children wear slippers in the classroom for several reasons. The Montessori Method recognizes the child's need for quiet and order in the classroom to allow him or her greatest opportunity for concentrated work. The opportunity to take off and put on shoes increases their level of independence and dressing skills. Slippers also eliminate a higher noise level in the classroom. The children use mats for a great deal of floor work and slippers help to maintain the cleanliness of the environment, alleviating mud and dirt being tracked into the classroom with street shoes.

We ask you to provide slippers to be kept at school. Please encourage your child to choose simple and comfortable ones, **Ballet or Isotoner-type** slippers are preferred as they are easier to wear and store. **Slippers with large character heads are not appropriate** because children are often uncomfortable if they are trying to sit with their feet directly under their bottom. Clog or backless type slippers tend to fall off frequently and are a distraction. Please mark the child's name on both slippers