

Barnard Early Childhood Center (EC²)

Grades Pre-K-2 and special needs

The Program

The Barnard Early Childhood Center (EC²) serves pre-kindergarten, all-day kindergarten, and grades 1-2 students, including special needs children. This strong language immersion program includes an exciting project-based approach adapted from the noted Reggio Emilia early childhood schools. A Reggio school bases its instructional program on a creative, interactive relationship between a child's experience and the values of the community.

Children become part of the learning process and are motivated to gain their own individual understanding. Reggio assumes that children come to school as competent learners: applying what they know in new situations; extending what they know through manipulation of new and interesting materials; and integrating what they know in interdisciplinary, thematic learning units. The program integrates developmental and academic objectives within a child-centered learning environment which encourages exploration, communication, problem solving, and discovery. The Center uses the Balanced Literacy approach and DOL framework. There is significant parent involvement in creating the learning environment and thematic units and through home reinforcement. The Center has a Learning Lab, Family Literacy Center, and Movement Room. There are assembly programs and extensive partnerships with corporations and institutes of higher education.

Results

The staff used the DIAL III and the Terra Novas to assess individual children's learning progress in the following categories: initiative, social relations, creative representation, music and movement, language and literacy, and logic and mathematics. Statistically significant growth in each area was attributable to the instruction offered under the Reggio Emilia rubric.



Learning Standards

The program addresses all English Language Arts and Math standards for K-2.

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