

REGGIO WITH US

The Reggio Emilia approach is a child-directed, hands-on curriculum where children learn and develop by exploring their interests. Learn how to encourage children's curiosity and independence through this educational philosophy.

Some examples of Reggio principles you'll see when you visit our school

Staff

COLLEGIAL AND RELATIONS-BASED WORK

Our Teachers work together, often in pairs to maintain a strong, collaborative teaching relationship. Teachers might also be off the floor at any given time taking part in our mentorship or professional development program.

Atelier

DEDICATED CREATIVE ARTS SPACE

This classroom is designed to support the use of materials and media as means of learning and expression while the atelierista (teacher) uses visual arts, and works collaboratively with other teachers to further the educational objectives.

Kitchen

ESSENTIAL ROLE WITHIN THE SCHOOL

By having and keeping kitchens as part of Reggio Emilia-designed preschools, it creates an opportunity for children to interact and encounter others, and the world through food.

- Our kitchen is busy **everyday** preparing two healthy organic snacks a day.
- Every week we make **challah** dough and bake it the following day.
- The kitchen also plays on-going role in our curriculum and **small group cooking** and **"lab" projects**.

Environment

AS THE THIRD TEACHER

The learning environment is viewed as a third teacher, meant to provoke curiosity and encourage interaction. There is dedicated time in our twice monthly staff meetings to both update and care for our environment based on children's current interests and discoveries. Families are also invited to engage in beautification, either during a Garden Party or as a volunteer.

Documentation

MAKING CREATIVE KNOWLEDGE PROCESSES VISIBLE

Teachers are encouraged and supported in documenting the learning process with photos, videos, and more to better understand children and evaluate their work. When installed, this documentation serves as a mirror for the learner and community to revisit and reflect upon.

Families

WELCOME PARTICIPANTS

Families are encouraged to participate in as many ways as possible in Reggio Emilia preschools, from making decisions on center policies (**Preschool Advisory Committee**), to working on projects for the learning environment (Garden Parties and as-needed opportunities).