

Creative Minds

Photo Essay: Reggio Learning in Action

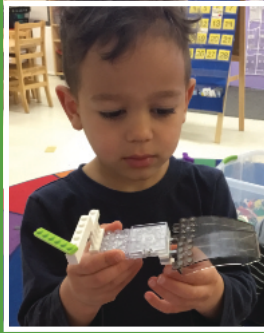


Art is more than just fun. It's creative self-expression, plus a sensory, social, and science experience.



Physical play helps develop large motor coordination, as well as balance, self-confidence, and initiative.





Building with blocks provides a creative outlet, as well as practice in negotiation, collaboration, and physical principles. Listen in and you'll hear entire creative stories playing out. Children find limitless possibilities in the block area each day.



Animal interaction is an opportunity to practice gentleness, challenge fears, and learn basic animal science.



Oh, the wonders of play dough, gak, clay, floam and fingerprint! Experiencing new textures, smells, and other sensory input feeds curiosity and flexibility. Young children use their senses to explore the world, so these materials provide a plethora of learning opportunities.



Infants need outdoor play as much as older children do. Sunshine, fresh air, and unique sensory experiences such as sand, grass, and changing shadows can only be found in the freedom of the outdoors.



There's nothing quite like water—the feel, the sound, the simple joy of getting wet! Children delight in water play.



Free-choice time isn't just empty time. In order to get the most out of their experiences, children need opportunities to make choices, explore possibilities, use their imaginations, revisit activities, and focus for sustained periods of time.





Cooking is a magical blend of math, science, reading, sensory, and cooperative activities. Of course the tasty end result is a great bonus, too!



Holidays are a special time to celebrate with each other, try new foods and activities, and learn about other cultures.



Sensory bins are a perpetual favorite with all ages! They bring new tactile experiences to broaden children's horizons. Working together at the sensory bin requires turn-taking and social skills. Opportunities to pour, scoop, and dump various materials build early physics understanding. The possibilities are endless.

