



Joy in Learning in LAUSD

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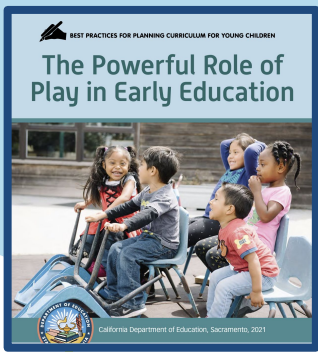
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"Play is the highest form of
research."

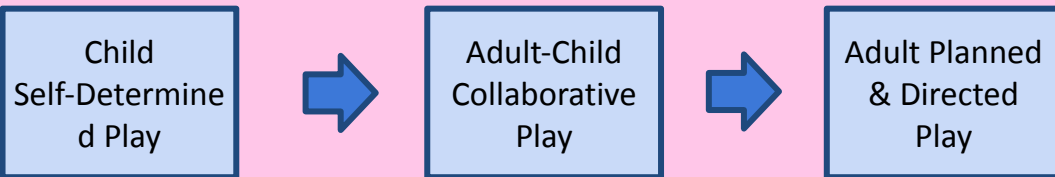
— Albert Einstein



PLAY-BASED LEARNING

- Play supports learning across the curriculum in all domains of development
- Includes classroom arrangement, materials, schedule, and learning goals for play
- Teachers plan and allow children to participate in several types of play across the continuum

Play-Based Learning Continuum



TYPES OF PLAY



Physical Play



Games with Rules



Constructive Play



Social Play



Fantasy Play

STAGES OF PLAY



Unoccupied Play (Birth - 3 Months)

Solitary Play (Birth - 2 Years)

Onlooker Play (2 Years)

Parallel Play (2 Years+)

Associative Play (3-4 Years)

Cooperative Play (4 Years +)



The Joy of Learning



Creative Curriculum Studies

Trees

Insects

Clothing

Buildings

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Balls

Pets



**Based on the
Preschool Learning
Foundations**



The Joy of Learning



Sandy Guillermo
Itinerant Teacher/
Instructional Coach

Hello! I have been working with children for 26 years. Four years as an assistant at a State Preschool and 22 of those years teaching at an Early Education Center.



Ernestine Lara
Principal, Escalante
Early Education Center

I have 30 years experience working with Preschoolers in the Early Education Centers.
For the last 7 years, I have been deeply honored to be the Principal at Escalante EEC.



Diane Corral
Itinerant Teacher/
Instructional Coach

I have worked with children in Early Education Centers for 22 years in various programs such as a general education teacher in a preschool collaborative classroom as well as a Nature Explore Specialist.

The Joy of Learning through Play...

Principal's Perspective

Special activities that align with the curriculum



The Joy of Learning through Play...

Principal's Perspective

Special Events that families look forward to



The Joy of Learning through Play...

Principal's Perspective

Opportunities for families to participate



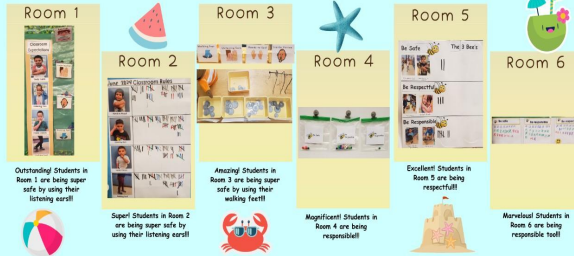
The Joy of Learning through Play...

Principal's Perspective

Acknowledging positive behaviors develops confidence and self esteem

Escalante Early Education Center Acknowledging Positive Behavior- June 2024

Shout Out! I would like to give a shout out to all of our students for demonstrating that they are being safe and responsible. Special shout out to our extraordinary Teaching team that go above and beyond every day to teach our students the 3 Bee's!!



Shout Outs acknowledge and reinforce positive behavior, and if they happen from peer to peer, they allow students to recognize each other for a job well done. Also, positive behavior helps children to have better outcomes and improved wellbeing (as well as going hand-in-hand with personal, social, and emotional development). Thank you families for supporting our efforts and recognizing their positive behaviors at home too!

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The Indoor Classroom



**Science/Discovery
Area**



Block Area



The Indoor Classroom



Music and Movement



Toys and Games



Art Area



The Indoor Classroom



Technology

Cooking



Dramatic Play



The Indoor Classroom



Library Area



Sand and Water



WOW Moments



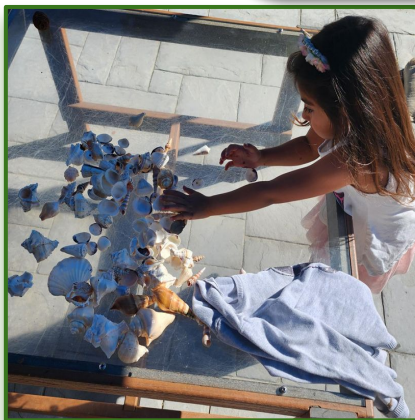
Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms



What does Joy In Learning look like?
Curiosity, Exploration, Discovery, Engagement, Movement



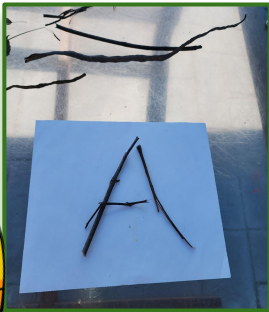
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What does Joy In Learning look like?
Allowing children to make choices in their play



Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms



What does Joy In Learning look like?
Children taking ownership of their learning through play

Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms



**Research Continuously Shows That Exposure To Nature
Helps Children With Stressors and Behaviors**



Typical EEC Playground



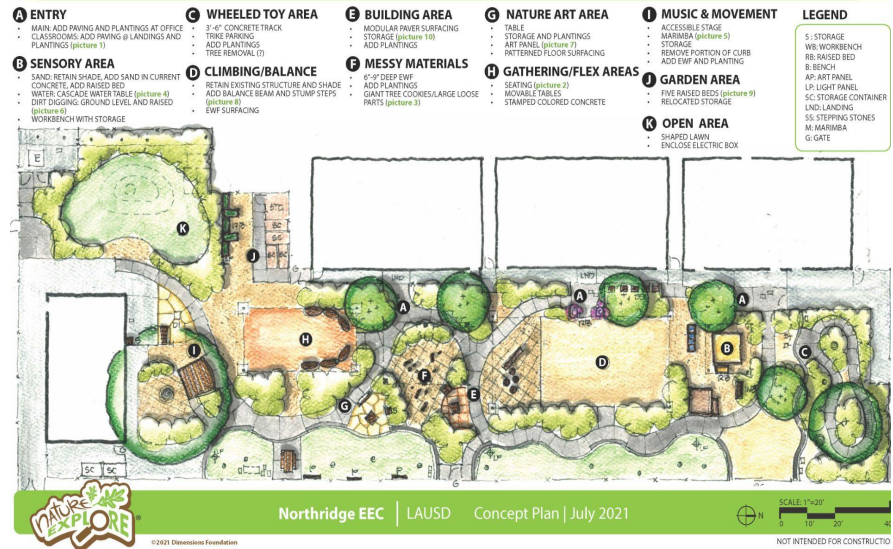
Our Why!



Guiding Principles & Concept Map

Ten Guiding Principles

1. Divide space into clearly delineated areas
2. Include a complete mix of activity areas
3. Give areas simple names
4. Identify each area with a sign or visual clue
5. Be sure every area is visible at all times
6. Use a variety of natural materials
7. Choose elements for durability and low maintenance
8. Maximize beauty and visual clarity
9. Personalize the design
10. Meet regulatory standards



Critical Repairs and Updates

Completed		Under Construction	
4th	Gledhill	Alexandria	Normandie
66th	Haddon	Crescent Heights	Normont
Arminta	Kentwood	Holmes	San Pedro
Brooklyn	Marina	Laurel	Telfair
Canoga Park	Mikes, Wanda	Locke	Vanalden
Chase	Monte Vista	Murchison	West Valley
Escalante	Northridge		
Evergreen	Toluca Lake		
Gardena	Trinity		
Glassell Park	Vaughn		





















Critical Repairs and Updates

Approved

36th	Hobart
75th	Hyde Park
Cabrillo	San Fernando
Chatsworth	State St
Cleveland	Sylvan Park
Dayton Heights	Vine
El Sereno	Westminster
Hawaiian	

SITE FURNISHING

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	20MMX30MMX10MM OUTPATIENT TABLE
	20MMX30MMX10MM FREE HANGING
	RECTANGULAR PENDULUM SEAT / FREE HANGING
	20MMX30MMX10MM OUTPATIENT TABLE / FREE HANGING
	IDENTITY TABLE / SEAT
	CHILDREN'S KITCHEN
	SEATING SET (INCLUDES PLANTER AND BALANCED BEAMS)
	10MMX15MMX5MM 2 x 2 / 20MMX30MMX10MM
	SEATING FOUNTAIN
	ADJACENCY CHAIR
	STORAGE BENCH
	MARSHIA BENCH
	SMALL AT-KASE BENCH
	ART TABLE
	SEAT PLANTER CONTAINER WITH PLANTS
	SEAT BOX A SAND BOX
	SEAT BOX A SAND BOX
	HOSE BIRD (B)

Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms

FUTURE PROJECTS (28)



Fair EEC
Gates EEC
Glenfeliz EEC
Graham EEC
Grant EEC
Hooper EEC
Lemay EEC
Logan EEC
Marvin Ave. EEC
Meridian EEC
Miles Ave. EEC
Miramonte EEC
Noble Ave. EEC
Pacoima EEC
Park Western Pl. EC
Parks HUerta EEC
Pinewood EEC
Rosemont EEC
Shenandoah EEC
Wilmington Park EEC

Anton EEC
Bradley EEC
Castelar EEC
Estrella EEC
Gratts EEC
McAuliffe EEC
Roberti EEC
Wilton Place EEC

**Thank
You!**

