



Reggio Influenced Program

For the 2017 – 2018 School Year

WHAT IS THE REGGIO PROGRAM?

At Meadowbrook Elementary School, the Reggio Influenced approach has several guiding principles:

The Image of the Child: Children are viewed as powerful, capable and resourceful.

Emergent Curriculum: Because we are a B.C. public school, we are guided by the B.C. Ministry of Education Curriculum; the delivery of this curriculum is based on the natural curiosities of children. Sometimes it will emerge from the children's interests or may also be sparked by the teacher strategically putting out a provocation to see how the children respond or by posing inquiry-based questions that deepen learning and understanding.

Project Work: In-depth studies that develop out of children's ideas, questions, and interests are part of the Reggio Influenced classroom. Projects may last for short or extended periods of time, and may involve individuals, small groups or the whole class. With teacher support, children choose what materials to use to support their explorations and how to research, share and represent their learnings.

Representational Development: The arts are important in Reggio Influenced practice and are often integrated into daily activities to maximize children's development.

The Role of the Environment: Careful consideration is given to the look and feel of the classroom environment. Classrooms are organized for small, medium and large group project work and with neutral colours, natural materials and calming lighting.

Documentation: Children's learning becomes visible through regular documentation. Teachers photograph children in action and they record their words to describe their learning experience. This documentation is revisited by students, parents and teachers to assess learning and guide practice.

Parent Involvement and Sense of Community: Parent input is invited to support student engagement and learning, and parents are invited to share their expertise and passion with the school community. Educators work together with children, families, and community partners/members to create a strong identity and interconnectedness that supports all learners.

Our Natural Environment: The world outside our doors is a key element of the Reggio Influenced program. Students are outdoors on a daily basis, rain or shine, to explore and learn from the richness of our natural environment.

Social Emotional Learning: The best learning emerges in the context of supportive relationships that make learning challenging, engaging and meaningful. We teach skills to help students monitor and manage their own emotions and to become aware of others' emotions.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- The program is located in Meadowbrook Elementary School.
- Children can be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 in September 2017.
- Application forms will be available at the information meeting (see below) or online at www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/reggio beginning January 10 at 9 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be mailed or hand-delivered to the district office (550 Poirier St., Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Emailed copies are accepted.**

Parent Information Meeting:
Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6 p.m.
Meadowbrook Elementary School
900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam

As this is an information meeting for parents/guardians, kindly make arrangements to leave your children at home.

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