



Reggio Influenced Program Application Process

WHAT IS REGGIO PROGRAM?

A Reggio Influenced approach has several guiding principles:

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

Emergent Curriculum: Builds from 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. 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 re-represent their learnings.

Representational Development: The arts play a key role in Reggio influenced practice and are integrated into daily activities to maximize children's development. This is consistent with Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences.

The Role of the Environment: The environment is seen as the third teacher. Careful consideration is given to the look and feel of the classroom environment: indoors and out, which are organized for small, medium and large group project work.

Documentation: Children's learning becomes visible through regular documentation. Teachers take photographs of children in action and they record their words to describe their learning experience.

Parent Involvement: Parents are seen as partners in their child's education and will regularly meet to discuss their child's development.

Sense of Community: Educators work together with all children, families, and community partners/members to create a strong identity and interconnectedness that supports all learners.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- The program is located in Meadowbrook Elementary School.
- Children can be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 in September 2014.
- Application forms will be available at the January 15, 2014 information meeting (see below) and on the district website: www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Reggio beginning January 16 at 9:00 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be mailed or hand delivered (**no faxes or email will be accepted**) to Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier St., Coquitlam V3J 6A7) **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014.**

**Parent Information Meeting:
Meadowbrook Elementary School
900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 6:45 p.m.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)