

ANNA BING ARNOLD CHILDREN'S CENTER

California State University, Los Angeles



Center Newsletter

Spring 2022

A Non-Profit Child Care and Education Program

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Staff Development

Ongoing Teacher Training

At the Center, our staff participate in on-going staff development in order to keep up on current trends and best practices within the field of early childhood education. For spring 2022, the teachers will be continuing their exploration in the Reggio Emilia approach, which is a progressive approach to early education which originated in Italy. One aspect of the Reggio Approach uses a variety of art medium and open-ended materials as a way for children to express their ideas and build on prior knowledge. The approach also involves creating strong communities within the classroom and school in order to foster collaboration amongst teachers and children. Below are a some of the trainings our staff will be attending at Evergreen Community School in Santa Monica.

<https://www.evergreencommunityschool.com>

Building a Democratic Society The Role of Reflection Meeting

This workshop will involve the daily practice of holding a meeting with the children to discuss a problem or idea that has emerged in the classroom. Reflection meeting is not only foundational for many intellectual and relational skills, but it also promotes the kinds of dispositions and competencies that healthy democratic citizens and societies need. During this workshop, teachers will look at what those skills are and how reflection meetings are part of creating a culture of democratic engagement.

The Role of Materials in Ongoing Investigations

Teachers will explore how to successfully combine materials in order to promote ongoing investigations within the classroom. In this workshop, veteran teacher Carol Flanagan will share insights from several different on-going small groups that will elucidate how materials can be used to propel children's thinking and imaginations forward. Combining examples of children's work with hands-on experiences, participants will come away inspired and take home practical techniques to use in the classrooms.

Calendar

Spring Calendar

January 17– Center closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

February 3 & 4 - Picture Day

March 28, 29, 30 & April 1st- Staff Development; Center Closed

March 31– Center closed in observance of Cesar Chavez

May 30– Center closed in observance of Memorial Day

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Picture Day



Register Your Child *HERE* for the Anna Bing Arnold Photo Session on Feb. 3-4, 2022!



PICTURE DAY REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 6PM ON FEB. 2ND SO PLEASE REGISTER NOW!
Only those children who are registered can be photographed. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR GREEN ON PICTURE DAY. After picture day you will receive a secure link to your child's private image gallery where you can order photos if you wish. Check with the school for your child's photo date and time. If you have questions or need help registering, call or text Insight Photography at (727)560-3144.

Picture Registration Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aadac2caaf94-register28>

Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Resources for Families and Children

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/groups/families-children.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fdaily-life-coping%2Ftalking-with-children.html

Talking to Kids About Coronavirus:

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Children's Book about Corona Virus: *Why We Stay Home, Susie Learns About Corona Virus.* written by, Samantha Harris and Devon Scott

<http://www.cidd.unc.edu/docs/COVID-19/Learn%20with%20Millie%20and%20Suzie.pdf>

Time to Come in Bear– A YouTube Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DA_SsZFYw0w

What Masks Should Kids Be Wearing Now? Here's What Experts Say

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/what-masks-should-kids-be-wearing-now-heres-what-experts-say/2772379/>