



St. John's Episcopal Preschool Summer Institute: Promoting the Strong Image of the Child

June 28, 29, and 30, 2010

St. John's Episcopal Preschool's Summer Institute engages participants in a dialogue about the Reggio Approach through philosophical and hands-on presentations and workshops. The three days are structured to build cumulatively, held together by a common thread of the strong and resourceful image of the child. The organization of the Institute allows for full-group and intimate conversations, as well as an opportunity to visit the school both with and without children. Through sharing our research, processes, questions and challenges, our goal is to provide a reference point for educators and schools at any stage in their understanding and knowledge of the Reggio Approach.

St. John's Preschool is inspired by the philosophy of teaching young children that originated in Reggio Emilia, Italy. We believe children possess a natural capacity for joy, a sense of wonder about the world, and the motivation to make sense of their world. Every young child is intelligent and capable of constructing knowledge through interactions with families, peers, and educators.

St. John's Early Childhood Educator Series (ECES) views educators as researchers. We seek to form a bridge to the wider educational community by developing programs to support colleagues in their individual and professional development. We offer tours, workshops, and presentations with the aim of collaborating with and learning from each other. We are thrilled to extend our ECES professional development opportunities into the summer months with this Institute.

Featured Presenters: Jennifer Azzariti, Studio Consultant; Marley Joyce, Head of School; Rita Smith, Teacher-Researcher; plus additional St. John's faculty

Institute Schedule

June 28

8:30 am: Pre-Institute registration and light breakfast

8:45 am - 9:45 am: (Optional) Pre-Institute presentation on the *Fundamental Values of the Reggio Approach*

9:30 am: Institute registration and light breakfast

10:00 am - 10:30 am: Introduction to St. John's Preschool

10:30 am - 11:30 am: Presentation: *Settling In: Building Relationships and Community With New Families*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Lunch on own in Georgetown

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm: Discussion and reflection

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm: Environment Tour of classrooms (no children present), small group discussions

June 29

8:30 am: Light Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am: Classroom tour and observation (children present), reflection and discussion

10:15 am - 11:30 am: Presentation: *Hands and Minds Working Together: The Role of the 100 Languages*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Lunch on own in Georgetown

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: The Language of Clay: Observing, Documenting, and Working with Materials

June 30

8:30 am: Light Breakfast

9:00 am - 11:30 am: Presentation and Workshop: *Observation and Interpretation*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Lunch on own in Georgetown

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Presentation: *Memory and Imagination: a Long-Term Classroom Project*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Final reflection

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 31!

To register via email, please send the following information to ces@stjohnsdc.org:

- the name(s) of those registering
- the name of your school or institution
- the email address(es) of those registering
- please indicate that this is registration for the Summer Institute
- please indicate whether you will be attending the optional Pre-Institute Presentation on the Fundamental Principles

Payment and confirmation information will be sent to you via email.

To register via regular mail, please print this form and fill out the following information:

Name: _____ School or Institution: _____

Email: _____

_____ I wish to attend the June 28 - 30 Summer Institute

_____ I wish to attend the optional Pre-Institute presentation on the Fundamental Values of the Reggio Approach

The tuition for this event is \$650 per person.

**Checks may be made payable to St. John's Episcopal Preschool and sent to 3240 O St. NW,
Washington DC 20007.**

Phone: (202) 338-2574 Fax: (202) 338-2579
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All event dates subject to cancellation based on enrollment.

Registration confirmation, as well as notification of any changes will be sent via the email address you provide.



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