



Community Development Provided by Teachers

At ANS we provide an emergent curriculum that responds to the needs of the children. Our work with the children and families will build throughout the year based on our observations, shared experiences and direction the children and families lead us.

Our main focus is supporting the parents, which is achieved by understanding their children and child development in general. Offerings may vary by class because we are trying to serve the needs of the children in a developmentally appropriate way.

In-person visits will be up to the teacher and parents, based on their comfort levels. Parent engagement, as in any Co-op, is critical to making this a success.

Discovery Room:

- Backyard visits with children and parents (1-2 per month) - *These are opportunities for the teacher(s) to connect with each child and model language and problem solving for the whole family*
- Learning Stories (2-3 per school year) - *These are a documentation of the teachers' observations of each child's development written in a format that is accessible to both child and parents*
- Classroom Parent Q&A Zoom (1 per month) - *30-40 minute discussions attended by parents and facilitated by teachers that cover developmental milestones and challenges faced by parents*
- Support parents one-on-one as needed or requested via email, phone call or Zoom

Art Room:

- Zoom Class Chat (1 per week) - *These are virtual small group or whole class get-togethers facilitated by the teacher(s) where children can engage with one another as well as with their teacher(s)*
- Learning Stories (2-3 per school year) - *These are a documentation of the teachers' observations of each child's development written in a format that is accessible to both child and parents*
- Classroom Parent Q&A Zoom(2-4 per month) - *30-40 minute discussions attended by parents and facilitated by teachers that cover developmental milestones and challenges faced by parents*
- Support parents one-on-one as needed or requested via email, phone call or Zoom



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Block Room:

- Backyard/park visits with children and parents (TBD) - *These are opportunities for the teacher(s) to connect with each child and model language and problem solving for the whole family*
- Learning Stories (2-3 per school year) - *These are a documentation of the teachers' observations of each child's development written in a format that is accessible to both child and parents*
- Zoom Class Chat (1-2 per month) - *These are virtual small group or whole class get-togethers facilitated by the teacher(s) where children can engage with one another as well as with their teacher(s)*
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Schoolwide:

- Community building activities (e.g. Halloween Parade, Stone Soup) - *These would encompass a schoolwide curriculum and will include multiple ways for families to engage*
- Activity Kits (2 per month) - *Projects and activities assembled by ANS staff with materials and project guidance included*
- Parent Education (2 per month)
- Parent-led Classroom Zoom chats (1 per month) - *Zoom chats hosted by parents for parents*
- Google Classroom posts - *These include recorded videos of storytime, songs and finger-plays, teacher adventures, and activity ideas*