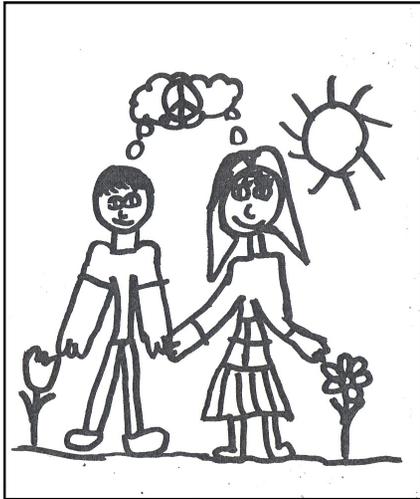




Insight: Learning embedded in authentic experiences focuses on children's natural environments and provides opportunities for them to construct their own understandings.



Insight: Strong character development is nurtured in an environment that is safe, respectful and peaceful.



Insight: Quality instruction depends on a variety of differentiated learning experiences that embrace the many languages and learning styles of children.



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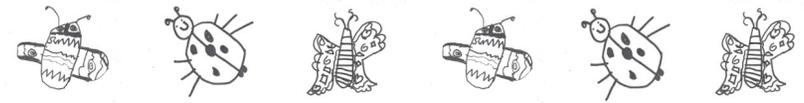
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PRIMARY VILLAGE SOUTH

Where Wonder Begins...



Look inside to learn more about Primary Village South and the "Nine Insights" that form our core beliefs about young learners.



Our Belief

The staff at Primary Village South (PVS) believes children are full of potential and are capable of developing their own theories about the world around them when given opportunities and time. The following represents a PVS core belief: “The quality of education changes when time is valued. Children are not rushed from one activity to the next, but have time to be enveloped by an experience. When teachers are intentional about listening to the children’s conversations and ideas, and facilitating meaningful encounters, wonderful investigations begin. They become invested in learning and take ownership of their projects because their ideas are respected and valued, and...they know there will always be enough time”.

The Ohio Exhibit
Where Ideas Learn to Fly
Ohio Voices for Learning
2004



Framed poster in our school lobby.

Insight: Learning builds children’s interests and needs in an atmosphere that encourages risk-taking, promotes reflection, and honors time for individual development.



Literacy: Primary Village South promotes and supports balanced literacy instruction that provides opportunities for authentic reading, listening, speaking and writing. Literacy instruction is embedded throughout our young learners’ day focused on student developmental levels and individual instructional needs. Reading specialists and intervention teachers are also available to support individual students’ learning.



Insight: Rich learning occurs when children inquire and engage in mindful learning experiences leading to thoughtful processing and active problem-solving.



OUR LEARNING

Authentic Learning Experiences:

Each day offers a learning opportunity full of wonder and inquiry. Primary Village South supports child-centered learning where the classroom learning environment is constructed jointly between the classroom teacher and the students. Documentation of student processing and thinking fill our walls and classrooms.



Math: Children learn best when math is taught through hands-on experiences that develop critical thinking, mathematical reasoning and creative problem solving. The Every Day Math program is a spiraling curriculum that uses manipulatives and math games to engage students. Through the use



of special projects, students have the opportunity to use math in an authentic and differentiated way.

Insight: Children who are mindfully engaged and have a voice in their learning become empowered, self-motivated and on the path to life-long learning.



Our Community



Primary Village South educates nearly 700 kindergarten and first grade students. To create a sense of community the school is divided into smaller neighborhoods. Each neighborhood consists of both kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Students generally stay with their neighborhood group for their two-year experience; promoting a sense of family among the students and their teachers.

PVS was founded on “Nine Insights” centered on our belief in the inherent abilities of young learners. This belief



is shared by our many community and family volunteers, who play a key role in the success of our school.

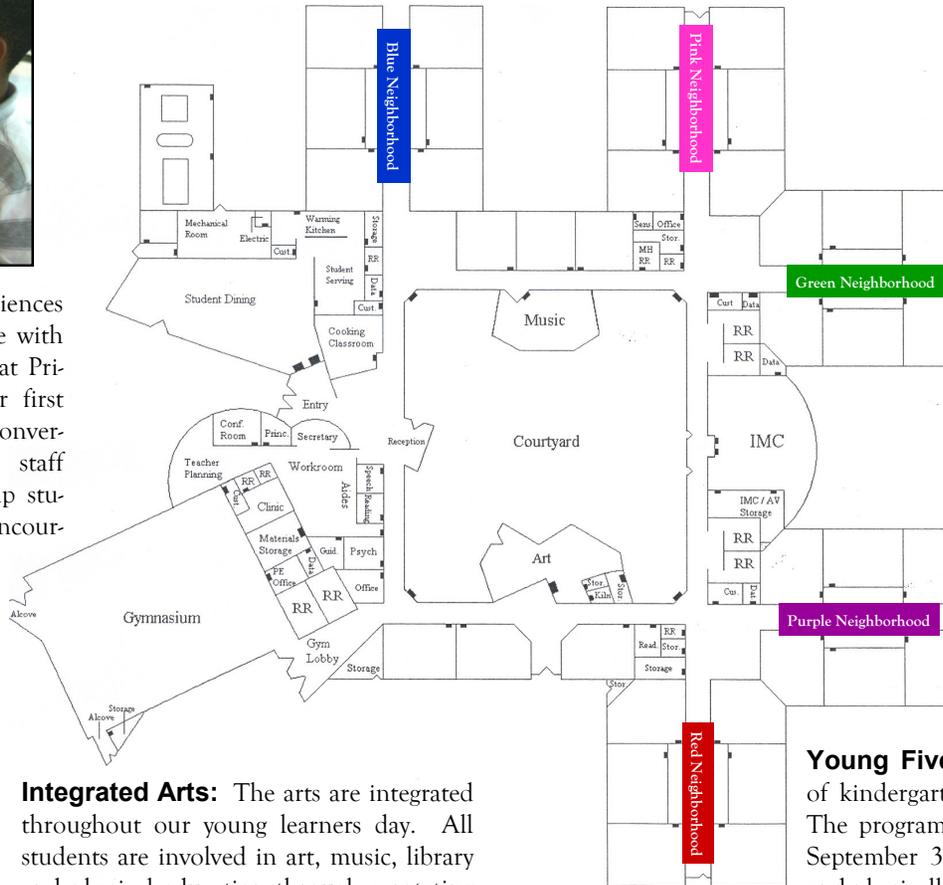
Insight: The collaborative school community values and promotes meaningful interaction and communication among students, teachers, parents, and community members.



Our Special Places



The Café: Early literacy experiences are strengthened by spending time with children in conversation. Lunch at Primary Village South is a time for first graders to engage in meaningful conversations. Parent volunteers and staff members assist in the café to help students practice good manners and encourage purposeful conversations.



The Outdoor Classroom: The grounds outside PVS provide a natural environment that support students' curiosity and create a sense of wonder. Outdoor places include our own woods and areas created by the children such as the Butterfly Garden, Meadow, Maze and ABC Kinder-Garden.



Young Five's Program: To better meet the varying needs of kindergarten students, we offer a Young Five's Program. The program is designed for those children who are five by September 30th, but who will benefit socially, emotionally, and physically by having an additional year of growth in our K-1 program.

Insight: It is critical to embrace all aspects of a child's development (social, emotional, cognitive, and physical) and nurture growth over time through high expectations anchored in open-ended experiences.