

BERNARD ZELL INSPIRED



THEIR WORLD WILL BE A DIFFERENT PLACE.



In fact, by the time they graduate, there will be profound changes in technology and educational practices. How can we prepare the next generation for the future?

NURTURING LEADERS

Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School is an independent school for the 21st century where academic purpose, collaborative learning and a deep commitment to humanity develop engaged, confident learners and compassionate leaders for a stronger, more vibrant community and world.



Classrooms create an exhilarating challenge of academic study and cultural immersion that changes the game for elementary school.

Beginning in our Early Childhood program, infused with the Reggio Emilia philosophy, we draw on young children's natural curiosity to be a compass for classroom learning. An intensive exploration of rocket ships can lead to a thoughtful discussion of adventure stories and - with the careful guidance of our teachers - land in the cycle of butterflies.

From Lower School to Middle School, our classrooms become laboratories of debate and discovery, strengthening each student's critical-thinking skills, reenergizing their creativity and building their sense of responsibility for their role in the school community.

With our small class size, (6:1 teacher student ratio, the lowest in the city) our students

feel very much at home. It allows us to set the expectations very high. But our encouragement to exceed them is even higher.

100%

of our students attend one of their top 3 choices for high school.

UNBOUNDED LEARNING

Exploration and development occur every second of the day for children, making each moment a learning opportunity. Two outdoor play spaces allow our children to explore with natural materials, connect with nature and take ownership for its care. By climbing and engaging in other gross motor activities, students are empowered to take appropriate risks through creative play.

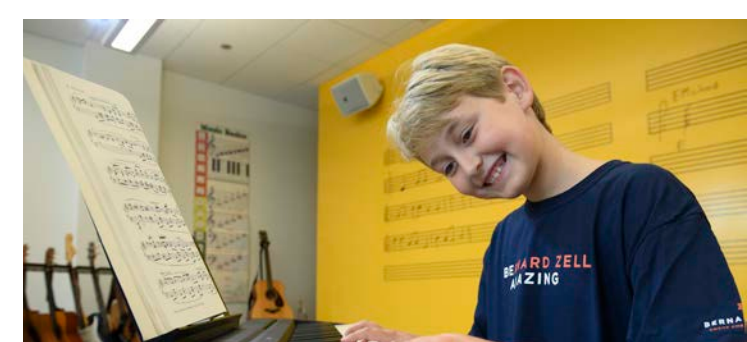


Our students know the value of taking a chance and not always playing it safe. They know that to really learn something, they have to find the courage to try something they've never done before: give a speech, devise an experiment, stick up for a friend. The only mistake would be not to try.

Grade by grade, our students climb a scaffold of reading, writing, discussion, research and organization. Every year,

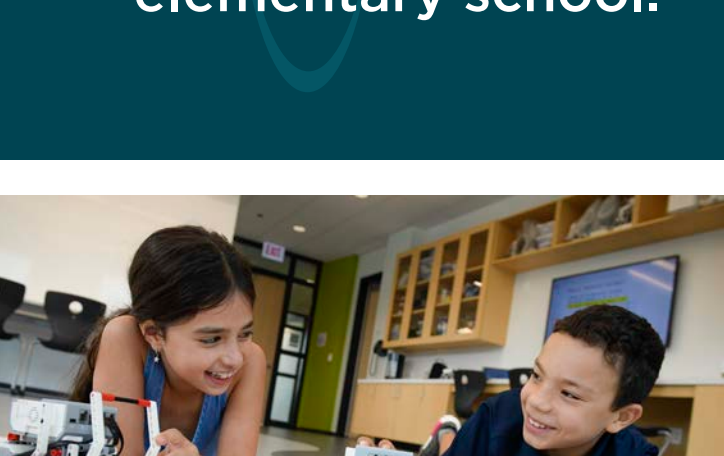
their problem solving and independent thinking skills grow stronger. And so does their confidence.

It's a thoughtfully guided process where technology and innovation are on equal footing with creativity and critical thinking. It's how and when to use the right tools that give our students the preparation they need to excel in high school, college and beyond.



We have learning down to a science.

Bernard Zell has reimagined STEAM* learning, creating one of the most powerful programs in a Chicago-area elementary school.



It begins in the Institute for the Future of Humanity, which includes three flexible science labs, an interactive robotics zone and a state-of-the-art Innovation Hub. The students can immerse themselves in virtual reality, 3D printing and a tinkering space where they experiment and investigate the world around them.

Why is this school different?

Bernard Zell is a welcoming, academically vibrant community, inspired by the power of Jewish heritage, values and spirit. Here students see, hear and speak Hebrew

daily. Keeping traditions, celebrating Shabbat and honoring holidays strengthens our connections to our community and each other.

We use respect and responsibility as our compass to explore the true meaning of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). By the time our students reach Middle School, the depth of service learning creates hands-on, all-in, game-changing experiences.

It's a warm inclusive community that welcomes families to become engaged partners in

the lifelong education of children.

Our respectful and diverse exploration of Jewish studies keeps our doors open to all families - however they define their Judaism - so they can feel the unmistakable welcome of this extraordinary Jewish community.

It's here, at the intersection of learning and life, that our students create their own Jewish identities.

Every family's Jewish journey is our Jewish journey.

*Science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) education.

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