

CT Cats August Newsletter

Welcome to GPGP 2018-2019 school year! We are excited to start the new school year and to welcome all of our Cats families to GPCP. To help support the transition for all incoming Cats we conducted home visits for each incoming family. During these visits, we had the opportunity to connect and learn more about each child.

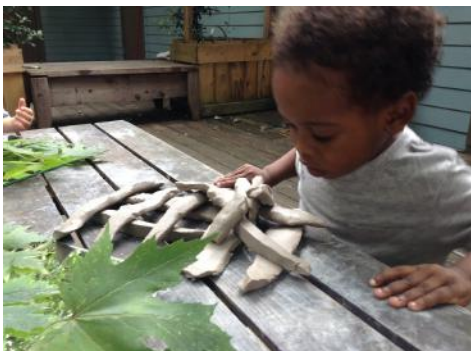
We are very excited to start a new year at the Cabbagetown GPCP campus! We are so excited to begin this journey with your family. This year we not only welcome new families into our school, but we also welcome new siblings of current and former families. We are eager to begin the delicate process of building strong and meaningful relationships with your children. This process will stand firmly on our passion for young children and their development processes as they use their hundred languages to explore, encounter, discover, investigate, experiment and make meaning about the world around them.



Classroom Explorations

For many of our children, this is their first time in a school experience. During Inserimento, the children are given opportunities to explore and build relationships with their environment and the materials within the environment. We spent time to create spaces inside of the classroom for experiences such as light and shadow research and construction. Our class also includes a deck atelier where the children are encouraged to engage in a sensory table and clay with a nature rich context. A safe space where emotions are validated, identified, and navigated with respect and breathing becomes introduced to the children.

Working with Clay is one of the main focuses for us right now. Our guiding hypothesis is, In which ways do children develop and negotiate new relationships between each other and their materials. In the pictures below we can see Quinn, Jacob and Champion working with the clay and natural materials together.





Everyday we start our day with morning meeting, where many new songs are introduced as well as our parent helper. We then enjoy snack and every afternoon after a long day of learning about their surroundings , we have a very nutritious lunch. The children all sit at a table made just for them to enjoy a feast.



Inserimento Projects

During the first week families were encouraged to bring in photos of their family to create collages with their children. We are currently still collecting these family photos from all of our parents so that we can create these beautiful collages. The collages will be laminated and posted on our wall for the children. This project encourage the connection between home and school while also serving as a very comforting resource when our children miss you throughout the day.



Reminders & Dates to Remember

Parent helpers please refrain from using your phone while being in the classroom. We need all hands on deck and limit the distraction a phone can cause in the classroom setting.

- **School Closed for Labor Day: Sept. 3rd**
- **Workday: Saturday, Sept. 15th**
- **Class Meetings: Thursday, September 20th from 7:00 to 9:00pm**
- **School Camping Trip: Sept. 21st-23rd**
- **School Closed: Friday, September 28th - professional Development Day**