

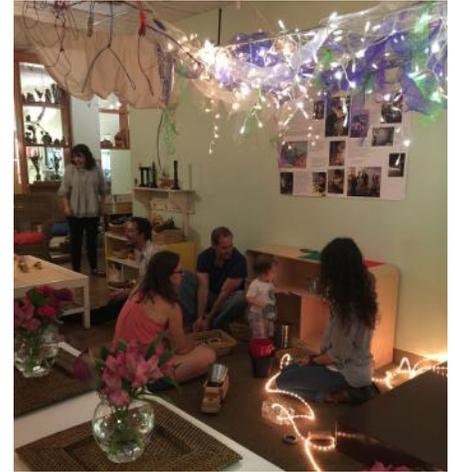
Cats Class August 2018 Newsletter

Dear Cat Families!

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter! This year we are welcoming both new families into our school along with some new siblings of current and former families. We are eager to begin the delicate process of building strong and meaningful relationships with the children. This process will stand firmly on our passion for young children and their developing processes as they explore, encounter, discovery, investigate, experiment, and make meaning about the world around them.



Over the summer we were lucky enough to get to meet, and spend a few weeks with, several children who are now in our Cats class. This extended inserimento offered us the opportunity to connect and build relationships a little early. It also afforded the children the opportunity to connect with the school, materials, and community they would become apart of, as members of the Cats class and hopefully on until they leave for Kindergarten.

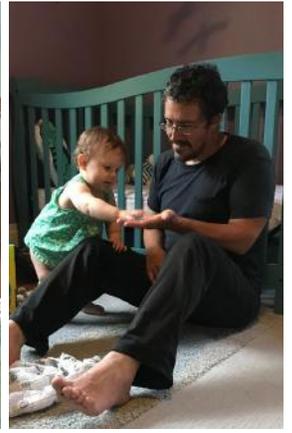


In these first few weeks of school, the children are going through Inserimento. This is a time to develop and establish relationships with each other, our materials and tools, as well as our environments both inside and outside of the school building. We encourage children to seek and make connections between themselves, their own experiences, and their acquired knowledge. Through these experiences children, educators, and families will identify interests, preferences, strengths, and agreements about how to live together respectfully in and out of these spaces.

Inserimento Projects

We are currently collecting family photos from all of our parents so that we can create beautiful collages to laminate and post on our wall for the children. If you have not completed a family collage, please bring photos representative of your family so that we may have them for the children. This project will encourage the connection between home and school while also serving as a very comforting resource when our children miss you throughout the day.





We have had a wonderful first month of school, and have been so excited to meet you and your children. This will be one of our forms of communication. Each month you will receive a letter from us with updates and highlights from our classroom experiences. These letters will be sent out monthly in the newsletter. In addition, we write weekly journals which can be found on the GPCP website (GPCP.org) on the Cats class page at any time, by clicking the "Classes Tab",



as well as on our communications board.

Thank you so much for a wonderful set of first weeks! We look forward to an outstanding school year with you and your amazing children! Thank you so much for allowing us to love and care for your children! - Ms. Ashley (ashley.owens@gpcp.org) and Ms. Talaisja (talaisja.gilliam@gpcp.org)

Calendar:

- **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**
- **September 25th - October Prepaid Extended Day due**

A Few Reminders:

- ★ Please do not forget to send or email your photos right away!
- ★ Please remember to sign your child in on both the computer and the paper log in the class.
- ★ Please make sure that all clothes, cups, and containers are labeled with your child's first name and last initial.

