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Community Newsletter

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Letter from our Pedagogista

THE CIRCLES & CYCLES DIFFERENCE

To our C&C Community,

At Circles & Cycles, we pride ourselves on creating an environment that feels like a home away from home; a place where both children and adults are welcomed into a cozy and nurturing community. Our Facilitators bring to life the values of the Reggio Emilia philosophy, reflecting them in authentic examples through our daily documentation and projects, which evolve from children's natural inquiries. These meaningful experiences offer a rich, connected, and child-centered place for learning.

Our spaces are bright, simple, and inviting, designed with care to honor the child's sense of wonder and share in the magic that anything is possible. Our spaces offer more than just a setting. They are places where relationships; whether between people, the environment, or the world, are given the time and trust to grow. Within our community, I have observed children who are calm, relaxed, and happy, fully trusting our Facilitators and extended team. Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio Emilia approach emphasizes the trust and relationship between children and adults and how this is central to creating a nurturing environment:

"What children learn does not follow as an automatic result from what is taught, rather, it is in large part due to the children's own doing, as a consequence of their activities and our resources. It is up to us to create a context in which children can express their trust and happiness freely."

We strive to be thoughtful and intentional in every aspect of what we do, with the aim of being pioneers in India, offering something gracefully different. We strive to be a school that includes all children and believe that all children have the right to quality learning experiences. This is why we invite you to come and see for yourself. Step into our world, where curiosity, love, and learning come together in beautiful ways and where everyone is welcome. We welcome you with open arms to experience what sets Circles & Cycles apart.

In Collaboration,
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THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

At Circles & Cycles, we believe that every child, regardless of their abilities, has the right to quality education. Just as each child brings their own strengths and personality, some children may have additional needs that require support. Inclusive education means creating a learning environment where all children, regardless of their differences, can grow, learn, and thrive together.

Why Inclusion Matters:

- **Fostering Empathy and Understanding:**

When children of diverse abilities learn side by side, they naturally develop empathy, respect, and understanding for one another. Research shows that inclusive classrooms help children become more accepting and kind, traits that are essential for their overall development. According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), inclusive settings promote social-emotional growth in all learners.

- **Beneficial for All Children's Development:**

Inclusive environments don't just benefit children with special needs—they enrich the learning experience for everyone. Many young children, even those without identified special needs, benefit from early interventions like speech or occupational therapy. For example, a child who is shy may find their voice through social skills activities facilitated by a speech therapist, while another child may develop fine motor skills with the support of an occupational therapist. These supports are woven into the classroom experience, benefiting all children, not just those with specific needs.

- **Aligning with Reggio Emilia Principles:**

In line with the values of Reggio Emilia, we see every child as capable, resourceful, and deserving of respect. This approach celebrates diversity and recognizes that every child has something unique to contribute. Inclusion reflects a core Reggio value: the belief that education should be a shared experience where children learn with and from each other.



ADDRESSING PARENTAL CONCERNS:

It's natural for parents to have questions when their child is in a class that includes children with diverse needs. Here are some key points to consider:

- **We Are All Learners Here:**

Just as no two children are alike, no two learning journeys are the same. Some children may need extra help with communication, motor skills, or social interactions, but every child benefits from being part of a diverse learning community. Research shows that children in inclusive settings often perform better academically and socially because they learn to navigate differences early on.

- **Support from Therapists Benefits All Children:**

We work alongside specialists such as speech, occupational and music therapists to support early intervention for every child. Early intervention is not just for children with identified special needs but is beneficial for all young learners, as it addresses developmental challenges before they become obstacles. For example, therapists might introduce activities that improve sensory processing, which can help all children with focus and self-regulation.

- **Creating a Supportive Community:**

Inclusive classrooms are about more than just academic learning—they are about building a caring, supportive community. When children see that everyone is valued and supported, they learn that it's okay to ask for help, to offer help, and to celebrate differences. These are lifelong lessons that benefit everyone involved.

- **Equal Access to Opportunities:**

Providing equal access to education for all children reflects our shared values of fairness and equity. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and grow, and inclusive education ensures that no one is left behind. This aligns with our commitment to nurturing a respectful and loving environment where all children can thrive.

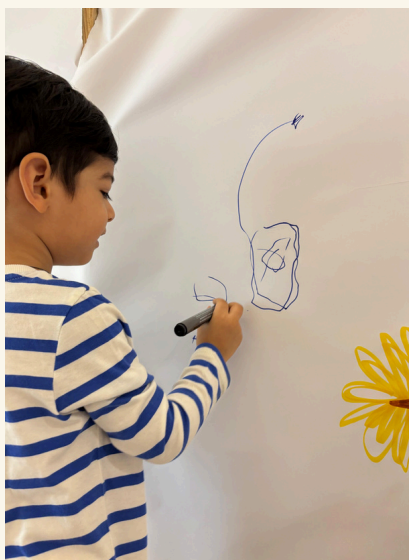
Inclusion is a powerful way to teach our children the values of kindness, patience, and the importance of community. By embracing differences, we create a rich, dynamic learning environment where every child can feel seen, heard, and valued.

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(Written Alongside ChatGPT)





Yuvraj drawing a stingray & beluga



Kobe & Avyaan's cozy time



Ms Marissa & Iris inviting a Tiger over for Tea!



Our Just Toddler class having some outdoor fun



Preschool celebrating Veer's birthday by making him a card



Colourful peek-a-boo with Rei & Rekha didi



Lachlan showing us the true meaning of messy play



Learning the alphabet with Shazain



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