Ann Arbor Open School Experience
Our school is a community of lifelong learners

“When one teaches, two learn.”

- Robert Heinlein
The school offers a radical educational alternative to students.

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”
- John Dewey
Children come to school already immersed in their own learning

“Education is an organic necessity of a human being.”

- Horace Mann
Students have their own strengths and interests

“One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world.”

- Malala Yousafzai
Goals are achieved through an integrated approach linked with the children’s interest and needs.

“Music is music. If it makes you feel good, cool.”
- Prince
Curriculum is developed by the teacher with the children.

“Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin
The idea is not what children should do at a given age or time

“What the hand does the mind remembers.”

- Maria Montessori
Children move about freely within the classrooms and hallways

“You can’t use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”

- Maya Angelou
Learning through experience using ever-developing problem solving skills

“Science is more than a body of knowledge; it’s a way of thinking, a way of skeptically interrogating the universe.”

- Carl Sagan
The emphasis is on challenging students individually based on cooperation.

“Education is a journey, not a race.”

- Helen Parkhurst
Children learn to share knowledge and feelings

“Receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, and send them forth in freedom.”

- Rudolf Steiner
Social and emotional development is promoted

“I am seeking. I am striving. I am in it with all my heart.”

- Vincent van Gogh
The teacher’s role is one of the facilitator

“I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.”

- Albert Einstein
Democracy is practiced in the classroom by students with the teachers.

“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind”
- Dr. Seuss
Families are active participants in their children’s education

“The more I think about it, the more I realize there is nothing more artistic than to love others”

-Vincent van Gogh
Innovation and self-evaluation keeps us on the cutting edge

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

- Albert Einstein