

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



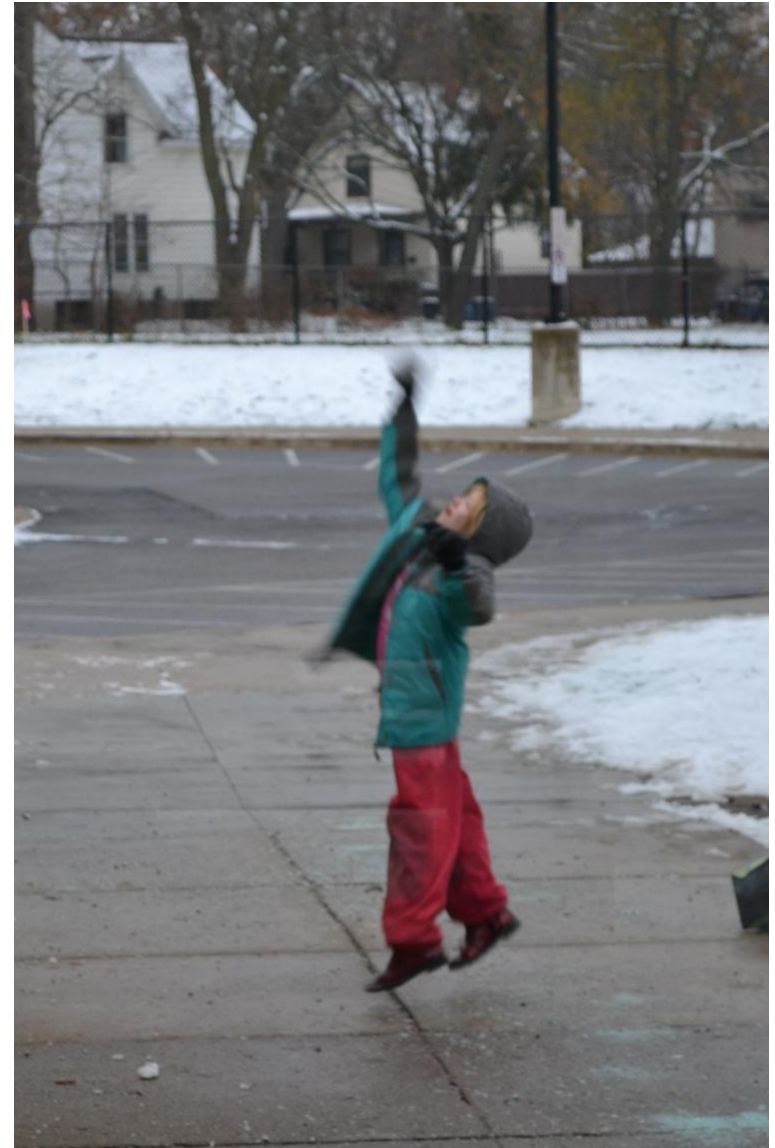
*“ Education is
a journey, not a
race.”*

*- 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

