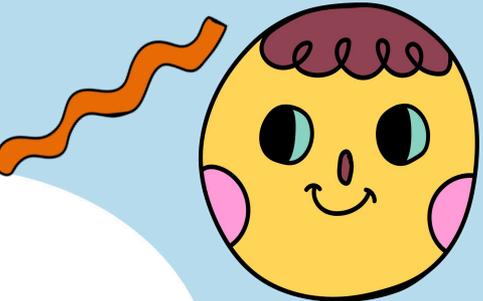




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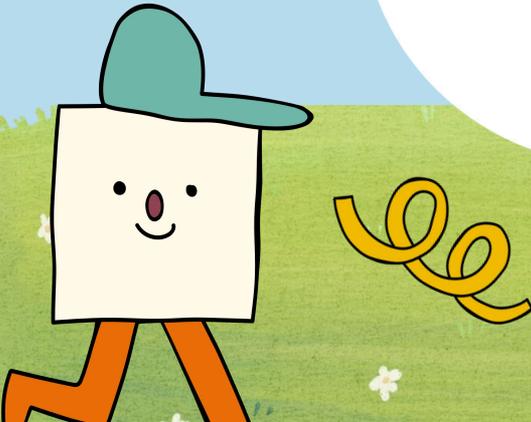
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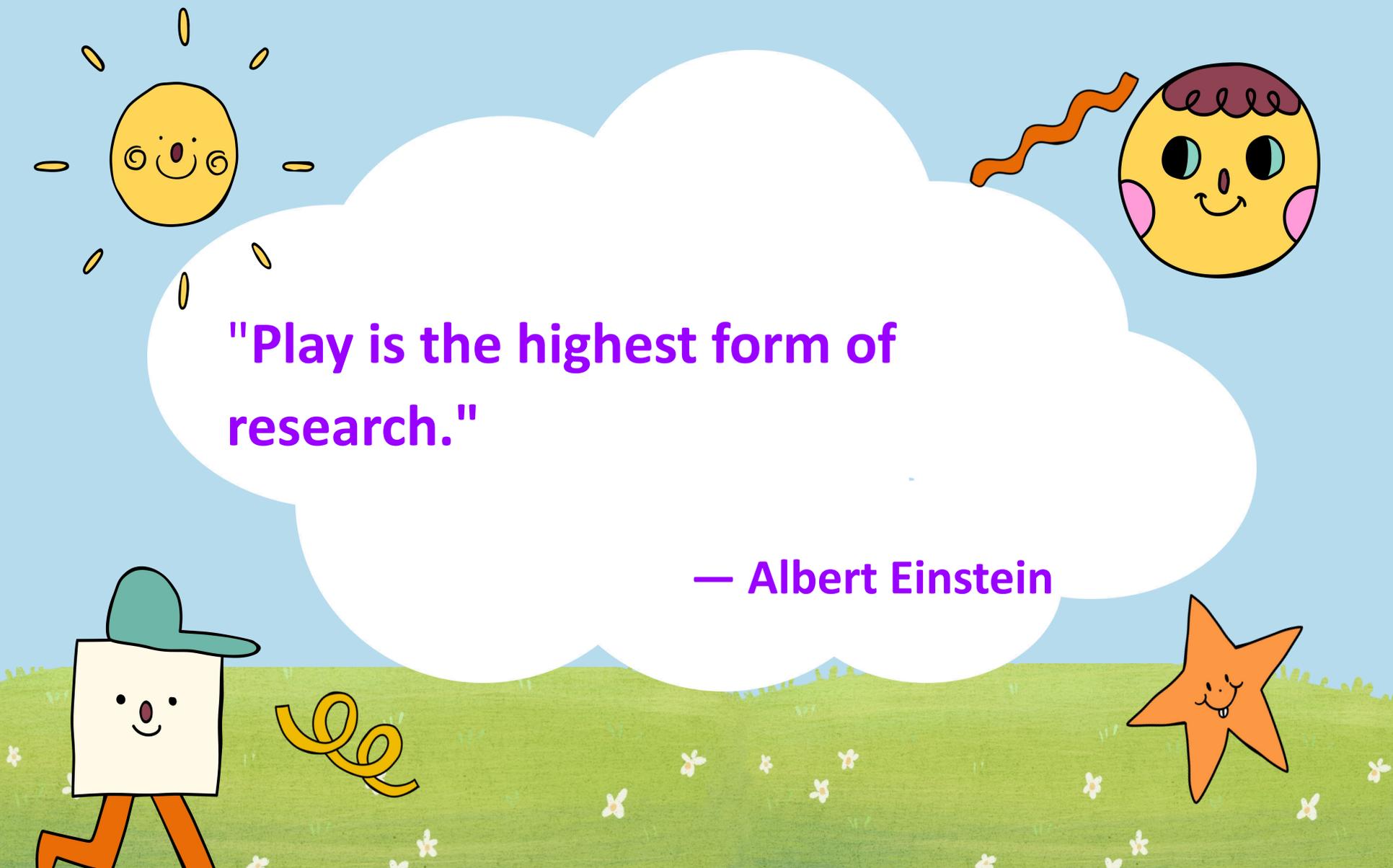


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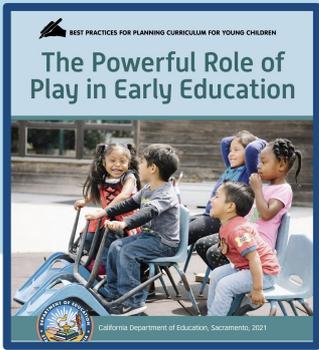
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**"Play is the highest form of  
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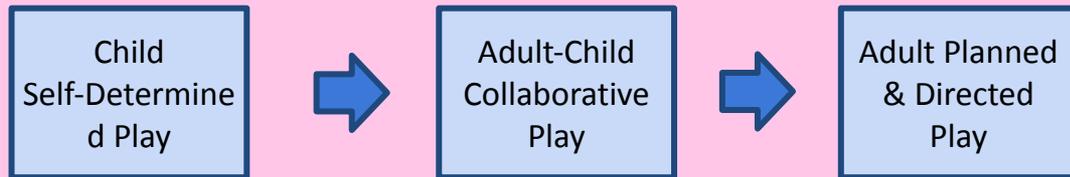
**— Albert Einstein**



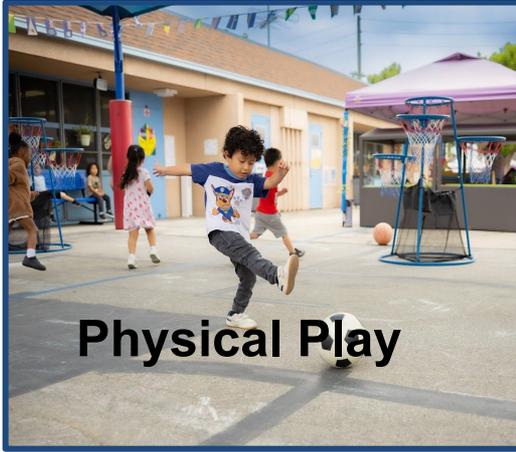
# PLAY-BASED LEARNING

- Play supports learning across the curriculum in all domains of development
- Includes classroom arrangement, materials, schedule, and learning goals for play
- Teachers plan and allow children to participate in several types of play across the continuum

## Play-Based Learning Continuum



# TYPES OF PLAY



**Physical Play**



**Games with Rules**



**Constructive Play**



**Social Play**



**Fantasy Play**

# STAGES OF PLAY



Unoccupied Play (Birth - 3 Months)

Solitary Play (Birth - 2 Years)

Onlooker Play (2 Years)

Parallel Play (2 Years+)

Associative Play (3-4 Years)

Cooperative Play (4 Years +)



# The Joy of Learning



## Creative Curriculum Studies

Trees

Insects

Clothing

Buildings

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Balls

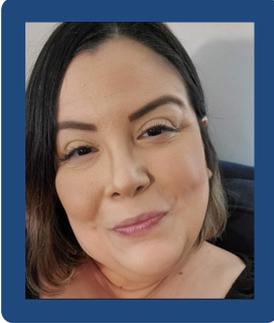
Pets



**Based on the  
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Foundations**



# The Joy of Learning



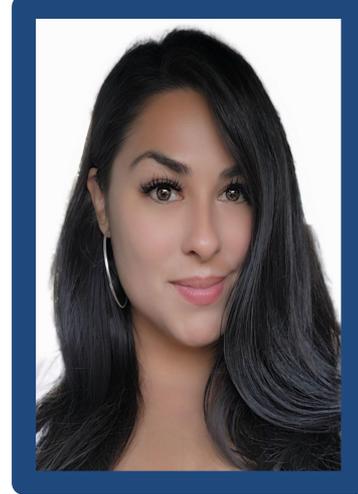
**Sandy Guillermo**  
**Itinerant Teacher/**  
**Instructional Coach**

Hello! I have been working with children for 26 years. Four years as an assistant at a State Preschool and 22 of those years teaching at an Early Education Center.



**Ernestine Lara**  
**Principal, Escalante**  
**Early Education Center**

I have 30 years experience working with Preschoolers in the Early Education Centers. For the last 7 years, I have been deeply honored to be the Principal at Escalante EEC.



**Diane Corral**  
**Itinerant Teacher/**  
**Instructional Coach**

I have worked with children in Early Education Centers for 22 years in various programs such as a general education teacher in a preschool collaborative classroom as well as a Nature Explore Specialist.

# The Joy of Learning through Play...

## Principal's Perspective

Special activities that align with the curriculum



# The Joy of Learning through Play... Principal's Perspective

Special Events that families look forward to



# The Joy of Learning through Play... Principal's Perspective

## Opportunities for families to participate



# The Joy of Learning through Play... Principal's Perspective

## Acknowledging positive behaviors develops confidence and self esteem

**Escalante Early Education Center**  
**Acknowledging Positive Behavior- June 2024**

**Shout Out!** I would like to give a shout out to all of our students for demonstrating that they are being safe and responsible. Special shout out to our extraordinary Teaching team that go above and beyond every day to teach our students the 3 Bee's!!

<b>Room 1</b> Outstanding Students in Room 1 are being super safe by using their listening ears!!	<b>Room 2</b> Super! Students in Room 2 are being super safe by using their listening ears!!	<b>Room 3</b> Amazing Students in Room 3 are being super safe by using their walking feet!!	<b>Room 4</b> Magnificent! Students in Room 4 are being responsible!!	<b>Room 5</b> Excellent! Students in Room 5 are being respectful!!	<b>Room 6</b> Marvelous! Students in Room 6 are being responsible too!!
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Shout Outs acknowledge and reinforce positive behavior, and if they happen from peer to peer, they allow students to recognize each other for a job well done. Also, positive behavior helps children to have better outcomes and improved wellbeing (as well as going hand-in-hand with personal, social, and emotional development). Thank you families for supporting our efforts and recognizing their positive behaviors at home too!

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<b>Room 1</b> Outstanding! Students in Room 1 are doing great by keeping using their little vision.	<b>Room 2</b> Super! Students in Room 2 are being safe by using their walking feet.	<b>Room 3</b> Amazing! Students in Room 3 are being super by using their little voices too!	<b>Room 4</b> Magnificent! Students in Room 4 are being safe and responsible.	<b>Room 5</b> Excellent! Students in Room 5 are being responsible.	<b>Room 6</b> Marvelous! Students in Room 6 are being safe.
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Shout-Outs are great for classroom community building. They are perfect for building a positive classroom community and acknowledge our students' positive behavior and academic achievements in the classroom. When teachers and students are cheering each other on, it positively influences classroom culture. Thank you families for supporting our efforts and recognizing their positive behaviors at home too!

**ESCALANTE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER**  
**ACKNOWLEDGING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR- AUGUST 2024**

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<b>Room 1</b> Outstanding! Students in Room 1 are being super safe by keeping their hands to themselves!	<b>Room 2</b> Amazing! Students in Room 2 are being super safe by keeping their hands to themselves too!	<b>Room 3</b> Amazing! Students in Room 3 are being very respectful by using their listening ears!	<b>Room 4</b> Playful! Students in Room 4 are being safe!	<b>Room 5</b> Marvelous! Students in Room 5 are being safe too!	<b>Room 6</b> Excellent! Students in Room 6 are being responsible!
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# The Joy of Learning



# The Indoor Classroom



Science/Discovery  
Area



Block Area



# The Indoor Classroom



**Music and Movement**



**Toys and Games**



**Art Area**



# The Indoor Classroom



**Technology**

**Cooking**



**Dramatic Play**



# The Indoor Classroom



**Library Area**



**Sand and Water**



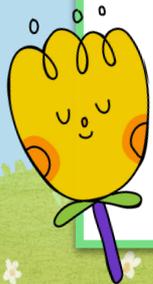
**WOW Moments**



# Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms



What does Joy In Learning look like?  
Curiosity, Exploration, Discovery, Engagement, Movement



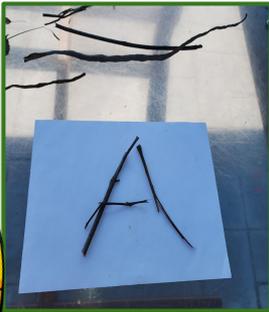
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What does Joy In Learning look like?  
Allowing children to make choices in their play



# Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms



What does Joy In Learning look like?  
Children taking ownership of their learning through play

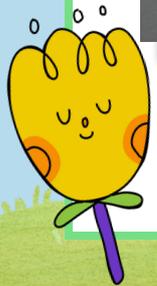
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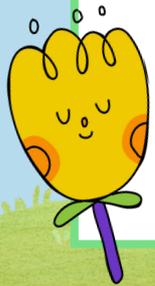
Research Continuously Shows That Exposure To Nature Helps Children With Stressors and Behaviors



## Typical EEC Playground



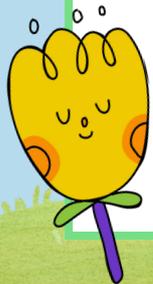
# Our Why!



# Guiding Principles & Concept Map

## Ten Guiding Principles

1. Divide space into clearly delineated areas
2. Include a complete mix of activity areas
3. Give areas simple names
4. Identify each area with a sign or visual clue
5. Be sure every area is visible at all times
6. Use a variety of natural materials
7. Choose elements for durability and low maintenance
8. Maximize beauty and visual clarity
9. Personalize the design
10. Meet regulatory standards



# Critical Repairs and Updates

Completed		Under Construction	
4th	Gledhill	Alexandria	Normandie
66th	Haddon	Crescent Heights	Normont
Arminta	Kentwood	Holmes	San Pedro
Brooklyn	Marina	Laurel	Telfair
Canoga Park	Mikes, Wanda	Locke	Vanalden
Chase	Monte Vista	Murchison	West Valley
Escalante	Northridge		
Evergreen	Toluca Lake		
Gardena	Trinity		
Glassell Park	Vaughn		





# Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms

## FUTURE PROJECTS (28)



Fair EEC  
Gates EEC  
Glenfeliz EEC  
Graham EEC  
Grant EEC  
Hooper EEC  
Lemay EEC  
Logan EEC  
Marvin Ave. EEC  
Meridian EEC  
Miles Ave. EEC  
Miramonte EEC  
Noble Ave. EEC  
Pacoima EEC  
Park Western Pl. EC  
Parks HUerta EEC  
Pinewood EEC  
Rosemont EEC  
Shenandoah EEC  
Wilmington Park EEC

Anton EEC  
Bradley EEC  
Castelar EEC  
Estrella EEC  
Gratts EEC  
McAuliffe EEC  
Roberti EEC  
Wilton Place EEC

**Thank  
You!**

