Lab School Philosophy and Goals

Philosophy

BCC Lab School is a unique program where learning is based on hands-on experience and mutual respect for all members of the family, school and society. “You did it!” is a phrase often heard at Lab School as the program encourages both children and adults to use their own resources to grow and learn. At Lab School, emphasis is on the physical, emotional, mental and social foundation skills used both for successful academics and for satisfying relationships. Lab School strongly believes that parents who feel capable and supported make successful families, so the parents are the students. Daytime classes create a playful arena for parent and child to learn together, forming a deeper bond between them that leads to lasting cooperation and less stress in the future. Parents are also individuals and spouses with needs beyond those of their children. Evening meetings allow parents to be with other adults, learning up to date methods of dealing with the most challenging and rewarding aspects of being a family. These meetings focus on getting parents answers to their most important questions while also providing a chance to socialize with others. Lab School develops the whole person, both parent and child, as they go through the journey of being a family together.

Goals

Lab School teaches and supports all children as they:

- reach for physical, emotional, mental, and social health through fun, challenging activities
- mature at their own pace, with nurturing and guidance from faculty and staff
- learn to control their bodies through practicing good coordination and muscle control
- develop a positive self-image of themselves and others during classroom interactions
- adjust to new learning environments through field trips and varied experiences
- develop trust in concerned adults, caring teachers, and each other every day

Lab School teaches and supports parents as they:
• learn about themselves, their spouses and their children, both as individuals and as part of an ever changing family
• learn positive ways to handle challenging behavior
• build new friendships and community networks
• enjoy an active role in their child's school experience
• share the joys and challenges of parenting with other parents who have children near the same age
• gain new knowledge about their child’s development from trained faculty and staff
• create a strong life long bond to their child

Lab School builds families, friendships and the future!