

The Exploratorium has us asking, how fun can learning be?

Garfield Park Academy has instituted and exciting, research based, new program for children in grades K-6 that is located in a separate wing of the building beginning in September.

Children are naturally curious and love to explore their environment. They enjoy working with “hands on” projects and want to delve into the mysteries of life. Our students love to play games and have fun. Children with social and emotional problems have difficulty with reading comprehension because of the lack of social pragmatics. They have difficulty in telling or retelling a story because they are poor in verbal and visualization skills. The Exploratorium provides an avenue where puppet theater activities and stage presentations by the students will increase their abilities to communicate well by allowing freedom of movement and expression and inviting interest and involvement thus enhancing learning and social skills.

While kids may be having too much fun to realize it, the games in the Exploratorium will help them learn to estimate distances, mix colors, exer-

cise their memory and explore basic physics.

On the computers, students will experience fun with “on line” games where they can play and learn about a variety of topics related to how the human body works.

Detective LePlant and his partners Bud and Sprout will unlock amazing mysteries of plant life.



Children will learn how to navigate using the stars and read animal tracks in the Astronomy Center. The *Exploratorium* also houses a salt-water reef aquarium filled with assorted colorful fish from the Caribbean Islands. The gigantic tank covers about one-quarter of the 30' x 30' room. Children will “adopt” a fish and learn about and care for the sea life. Children will experience and explore life cycles of the butterfly and habitat of a variety of birds in the “Children’s Garden” out of doors.



Most importantly, children will be taught to think critically and travel with “World Safari” that takes you to a different country each month. They will study the language, culture and foods of the different world countries selected each year. In the Reading Corner, new books on all aspects of fiction and fact will be explored and result in improved reading levels. The Mathematics Laboratory gives children a new slant on learning about numbers in a creative and scientific way.

Please come and visit GPA’s *Exploratorium* and have a banquet lunch provided by our culinary arts program. Keep the date in mind ----- October 3, 2007, 12:30 p.m.

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Begin at the Exploratorium!

Garfield Park Academy has instituted an exciting new program for children who are in Grades K—6. The program is located in a separate wing of the building with its own entrance. This new program called the *Exploratorium* will begin in September of 2007.

Children are naturally curious and love to explore their environment. The *Exploratorium* provides a place where children are involved with:

- Hands –on projects
- Exploration of the mysteries of life

The *Exploratorium* will offer many avenues of experience while enhancing social and learning skills and is especially geared towards children with learning disabilities.

RAINFOREST EXPLORATION



SALT WATER AQUARIUM



ASTRONOMY CENTER



PUPPET THEATER



MUSIC AND THEATER PRODUCTIONS

EXPLORATION MATH



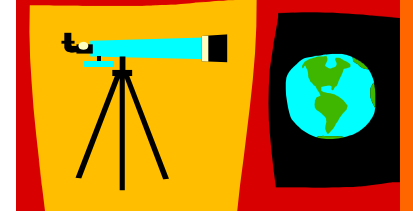
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