

ARTS FOR LITERACY

THE FOUNDATIONS SCHOOL'S SUMMER PROGRAM ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

The Foundations School at the Center for Creative Education (CCE) hosted a free *Open House* event recently for families interested in learning more about the independent K-3rd grade school's new summer program, *Arts for Literacy*, as well as the 2021-2022 school year.

The Foundations School is the Center for Creative Education's new program to give students the best foundations for success through a student-centered, creative, arts-integrated approach to teaching and learning, all while having fun. The private school uses a sliding fee scale based on household size and income, and no one is turned away for inability to pay.

"We continue to believe that art and literacy in all forms are necessary for students to be successful and to navigate future job opportunities that we haven't even imagined yet," said **Robert L. Hamon**, President and CEO for CCE. "It is our intention to leverage the arts in new and creative ways, providing students with an innovative way to learn and build foundational skills for the future."

Guests received a tour of the new school and had the opportunity to participate in a fun art activity where children created a hermit crab paper puppet with Styrofoam cups to simulate their shells. **Ronni Gerstel**, one of our teaching artists at The Foundations School, as well as a renowned puppeteer, taught the children about the lives of hermit crabs and why their shells are a protective casing against predators, as she interacted with the students and their families with her engaging grouper puppet.

A total of 13 new families registered for the summer program. Most of these families have also registered for the new school year. Registration for the *Arts for Literacy* summer program as well as for the fall school year at The Foundations school, a K-3 independent school, is ongoing.

As part of its approach, The Foundations School uses small class sizes, flexible grouping, arts integration, and highly qualified and dedicated educators. A low student-to-teacher ratio and a sense of community in the classroom ensure opportunities to customize learning activities to match students' learning styles and academic goals.

Class sizes average 10-15 students, allowing for increased safety and ensuring that students benefit from small group and individualized one-on-one academic instruction. The Foundations School also follows all COVID-19 appropriate guidelines recommended by the CDC including masks for all, taking temperatures twice a day, maintaining separate cohorts



of children and repeated cleaning throughout the facility.

To learn more about The Foundations School or to inquire about summer programming or full-time fall enrollment, visit cceflorida.org or call **Dr. Kevin Kovacs** at 561.805.9927, ext. 118. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Center for Creative Education, a 501(c)(3) call **Vivianne Hall** at 561.805.9927, ext. 105.

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