



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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“Documentation is not about what we do, but what we are searching for.”

-Carla Rinaldi

The Power of Documentation

Parents, have you observed or read our documentation posted in our hallway and classrooms? Need more insight what documentation is all about, it's all here.

What is documentation?

According to the actual meaning of documentation – documentation is a type of material that provides official information or evidence that serves as a record. Here at CCC documentation typically includes samples of a child's work at several different stages of completions. Photographs are used to show work in progress and capture evidence. Comments and/or a short story outline is created by a teacher or observer to help bring the story to life and share a milestone, learning opportunity, and comments made by the child.

What will documentation show me?

An effective piece of documentation will tell a story and the purpose of an event, experience, development, and/or topics being taught within the classroom.

Why do we document?

There are several reasons why we should document children's learning. One reason is to show accountability. It can improve relationships, teaching, and learning. For most educators, documentation is used as a tool which helps the educator know and understand children. It helps them reflect on effectiveness of their teaching practices. When an educator encounters unexpected learning opportunities, documentation helps extend learning by trying to get more information on a certain topic that can help enhance a child's interest, cognitive development, and social skills.

In conclusion, documenting is a reliable resource used everywhere in different formats. Have a look at documentation today and let's see what you can collect with the evidence shown.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/8 – Young 3's class Field Trip

2/15-2/28 – Parent Teacher

Conferences

2/23 – Parent Workshop