Playing is Learning

Valley View Early Learning Center | Catalina Foothills Unified School District
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Need for the Project

• A Brief History
• Addressing Community Needs
Teaching & Learning Philosophy video
Teaching & Learning Philosophy

• At Valley View, we believe our students learn best........
• Emergent Curriculum
• Supporting Research
• Benefits of Play
Room 6 is going to be auctioning off a colorful picnic table for the Valley View Art Auction. Over the course of the last couple of months, the children have helped build, paint and seal the picnic table. They sure created a beautiful piece of art!
Teaching & Learning Philosophy: emergent curriculum

Box City 3.9.16
Transforming Cardboard Boxes into Buildings

A couple of the Room 6 families donated small cardboard boxes for us to use at the Creation Station this week. The children transformed the boxes into city buildings (hospitals, post offices, hotels, etc.) using construction paper, tape, glue and markers.
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Stacking Recycled Materials 3.8.16
Different Ways to Build Up

At the Exploration Table today, there were small cups, bowls, popsicle sticks and lids to stack. The children tried out various ways to build with the recycled materials. While some of them only used one material, many of the children used a variety to see how tall they could get their creations.
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joys of everyday life
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Teaching & Learning Philosophy resources/links

http://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/brain-architecture/


http://www.naeyc.org/play

http://tucson.com/ap/commentary/william-doyle-recipe-for-excellent-public-schools/article_2cb9a230-610c-5008-b7d8-6f8280178655.html
Project Overview aerial photo
Project Overview  existing building
Project Overview process
Project Overview

process
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Project Overview: This image represents a project overview diagram. The diagram includes various areas such as E. Skyline Drive, Parking, Teachers/Staff Parking, Play Area, Service Area, and Plaza/Overflow. The diagram also shows existing parking spaces and streets like Superstition Drive and Campo Azulito.
Project Overview site & floor plan
Project Overview existing playground
Project Overview new playground
Project Overview building additions & renovations
Project Overview learning spaces
Project Overview direct connection to outdoors
Playground outdoor classroom – maker space
Playground active play
Playground movement
Playground garden
Playground music
Playground music
Playground natural-play
Playground natural play
Playground natural play
Playground multisensory
Playground touch-texture / water
Playground water-play
Hallway Theme
Arizona Mountain Trail
The procession through the hallways of Valley View Early Learning Center is representative of walking through an Arizona mountain trail. As students move up the ramps, they cross mountain streams and animal tracks cast into the concrete, planks bridging over the classroom landings, and walk under leaves and birds native to landscapes found in Arizona.
Building Concepts planning themes
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**Concrete Paths**
- Animal Tracks
- Tumbled Glass
- Pebbles
- Fossils

**Carpet**
- Landings
- Planks
- Classrooms

**Landscape Zones**
- Different zone at each landing opening
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Project Overview building section

- South side - lower monitor, smaller glass size, deeper recess (overhang)

SECTION
Project Overview building section
Project Overview perspective rendering
Project Overview perspective rendering
Project Overview virtual reality
Project Overview virtual reality

360 CLASSEOM
Project Overview virtual reality
Construction building their own school
Construction building their own school
Construction building their own school
Construction building their own school
Construction aerial view
Construction aerial view
Construction exposed wood trusses
Construction playground taking shape
Construction playground taking shape
Thank You!