



EAST AURORA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

Preschool Curriculum Update

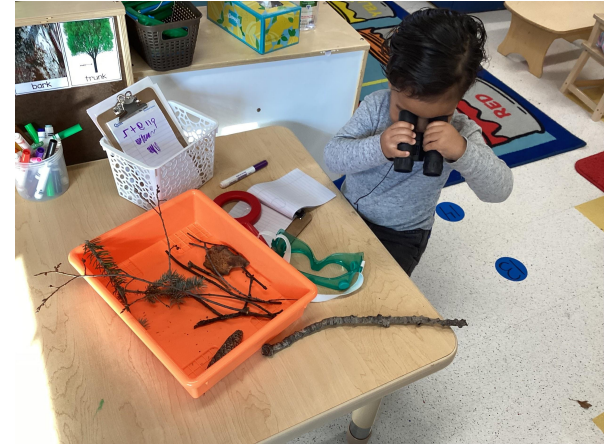
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Phase 1: Creative Curriculum

Current Implementation

- Thirteen teachers at all four preschool sites
 - Half Day & Full Day
 - English Dominant & Spanish Dominant
 - Blended, Non-Blended and Instructional
- 3 Instructional Coaches
- 100% of staff in Phase 1 have implemented three studies to date: Balls, Trees and Wheels. All staff are currently in the middle of the fourth study: Exercise.



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Professional Development & Support

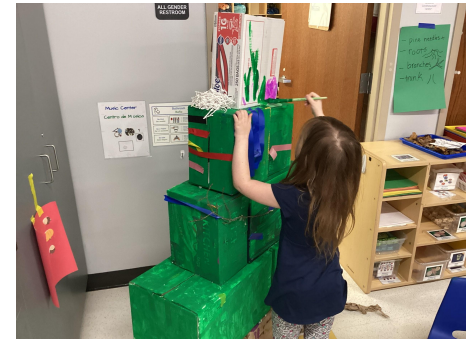
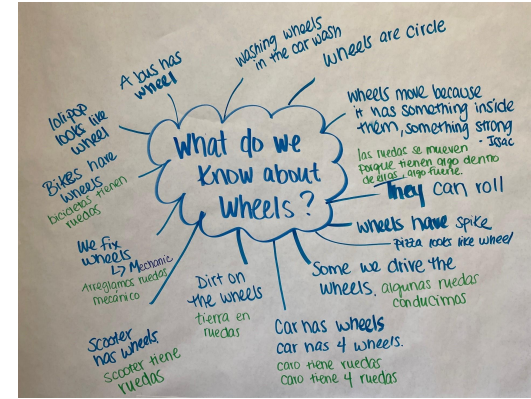
- Teachers & Instructional Coaches
 - Full Day Training: Classroom Planning and Implementation
 - Monthly Implementation Meetings
- Instructional Coaches
 - Full Day Training: Supporting to Fidelity
- School Administrators
 - Curriculum Overview and Classroom Expectations



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Celebrations

- Student Engagement
 - Students are interested in study topics
 - Students are making connections between concepts and asking questions about the concepts throughout the day in different settings
 - Family projects provide evidence of family engagement and student application of concepts learned
- Staff Collaboration
 - Monthly team meetings - planning for creative problem solving and hands-on, inquiry based learning
 - High levels of staff collecting and analyzing student observations which inform instruction
 - Staff use innovation to adapt the curriculum to reflect students' interest and classroom dynamics
 - Staff recognize units spring curiosity and active participation with students and families



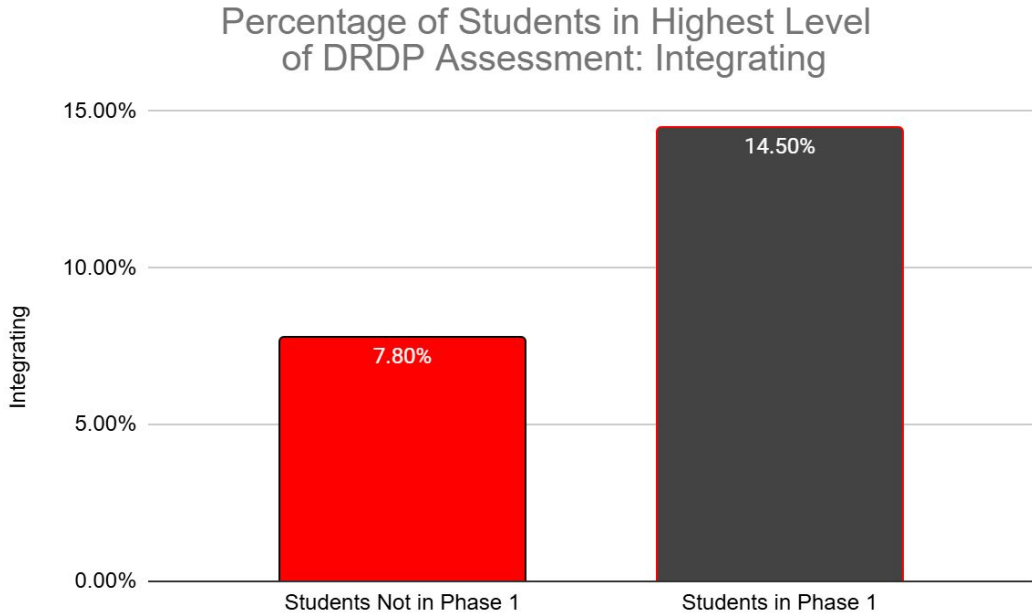
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Highlights in Progress of 13 Classrooms

↑ Reciprocal Communication

↑ Emergent Writing

↑ Number Sense Quantity



Testimonials



"Puedo ver la diferencia en mi hijo. Está más involucrado en su aprendizaje. Siempre está haciendo preguntas." (I can see the difference in my son. He is more engaged in his learning. He is always asking questions) - Preschool Parent

"Jacob comes home with so much to talk about what he did at school! He really enjoys the investigations."

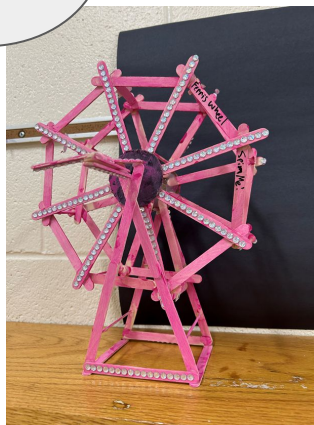
Preschool Parent

"I love how this curriculum allows for student interest to be my guide. While using the wheels unit this month, my afternoon class became obsessed with roller coasters after we read "The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster" by Mo Willems. Suddenly we are designing our own roller coaster park, figuring out how the wheels keep the roller coaster on the track, and using ramps to discover what makes the roller coaster car go faster and slower."

Stephanie McVey, Preschool Teacher

"Through Creative Curriculum students have been able to inquire and investigate topics to a new depth of understanding. Exploring realia through touch, trial and error, and guided vocabulary has created a new level of inquiry that students enjoy."

Sparkle Jackson, Preschool Teacher



"We've also seen remarkable involvement from parents, who actively connect with their children's learning by relating it to real-world experiences."

Mrs. Garcia, Preschool Administrator

Next Steps: Creative Curriculum

- Phase 2
 - **March 2025/July 2025:** Purchase of additional materials funded by PFA, PFAE, IDEA, and Title 3
 - **May 2025:** Begin professional development
 - **August 2025:** Full implementation in *all* preschool classrooms



Creative Curriculum Phase 2 Proposal

Item	Quantity	Cost
Classroom Print Kits & Cloud Access for Teachers/Admin	22	\$97,350
Mighty Minutes (1-200 Bilingual, 201-300 in L2)	22	\$24,130
Professional Development for Teachers/Admin	4 sessions	\$15,180
Classroom Materials	22	\$90,000

Proposed Total Cost: \$226,660

Funded by Early Childhood Block, IDEA Preschool and Title III Grants



