



Kishami Academy LLC
Teaching you into a better future

Philosophy for Learning

Kishami Academy LLC is a research school. This means that all teachers and students are constantly learning and improving themselves. We learn from each other through the different situations and environments we find ourselves in. Teachers engage in constant research to address issues that arise and will experiment with different ways of teaching that may seem untraditional in order to find ways to enhance the learning and development of each student. In addition, Kishami Academy LLC often enlists the students themselves in helping to discover ways that will help them grow. They are actively engaged in the experiment process as well.

Here are some examples of research based learning being applied in the classroom:

- The use of gym equipment to assist the brain in growth, connectivity, and regulating emotions
- Bridging program that aids the interaction between the brain's hemispheres allowing optimum performance of the brain
- Differentiated seating
- Small group size and student-led academics (we really do meet your student where they are academically and move forward at their pace, we encourage them to search and find answers to their own questions and report back to the class)
- Frequent breaks to allow information to be stored and the brain to reset for the continued learning
- Being allowed to wander while thinking and working on problems
- Following student questions and focus on a subject to increase student learning and connections rather than following a strict lesson plan that can cause student interest to fade with inattention
- Technology used to teach students how to become competent in research and finding answers on their own
- A noticeable lack of worksheets and take home papers
- Addressing issues as they arise so that students can learn from each other and recognize they are not alone (this helps with stepping in another's shoes, mirroring, empathy, compassion, understanding themselves and others)
- Involving children in their own development through academics and collaborative troubleshooting.

If you are interested in some of the information that is behind what we do at Kishami Academy LLC, here are some books that are instrumental:

Lost at School by Ross W. Greene

Disconnected Kids by Dr. Robert Melillo

The Smartest Kids in the World by Amanda Ripley

Understanding Intercultural Communication by Stella Ting-Toomey & Leeva C. Chung

The Development of Language by Jean Berko Gleason & Nan Bernstein Ratner

Action Research by Craig A. Mertler

The Dominance Factor by Carla Hannaford, PhD.

Indigo Children by Lee Carroll & Jan Tober

Teaching with the Brain in Mind by Eric Jensen

Brain Gym by Paul E. Dennison, PhD. & Gail E. Dennison

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