



Early Childhood Education Programs

Small World Learning Center

In July 2008, Reading And Beyond began a partnership with Butler Mennonite Church to manage and operate the Small World Learning Center.

Small World Learning Center has a long-standing reputation in the Southeast community, and has been operating out of the Butler Mennonite Church for 37 years. The philosophy of Small World Learning Center and Reading And Beyond is that children learn and develop best when exposed to a safe, healthy, nurturing and enriched environment.

The child's learning experience will be active and integrated by themes so that the children have a meaningful context in which to learn. In this way, children are intrinsically motivated by their own desires to understand the world around them. Each child is encouraged to progress at his/her own rate – intellectually, physically, and socially.

A quality program provides children with activities that encourage them to learn by structured free choice and age appropriate hands-on experiences. All this is done in order to support the child's positive attitude toward school and learning. Children at Small World Learning Center are surrounded by a nurturing atmosphere of respect and loving appreciation for each person. We believe this philosophy will foster a positive self-esteem in our children.

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Even Start Family Literacy Program

Reading And Beyond, in a partnership with Balderas Elementary School of Fresno Unified School District, created the Even Start Family Literacy Program. The program will serve thirty families living in the surrounding community.

Even Start is an education program for the Nation's low-income families that is designed to improve the academic achievement of young children and their parents, especially in the area of reading.

This program offers promise for helping to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and low literacy in the Nation by combining four core components which make up family literacy:

- Early childhood education
- Adult literacy (adult basic and secondary-level education and/or instruction for English language learners)
- Parenting education
- Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children

Even Start supports family literacy services for parents with low literacy skills or who have limited English proficiency, and their children, primarily birth through age seven, and has three related goals:

- To help parents improve their literacy or basic educational skills
- To help parents become full partners in educating their children
- To assist children in reaching their full potential as learners

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Home Visitation

Our Early Childhood Education program consists of two essential components: Home Visitation and Center-Based.

In the home visitation component, children receive home visits every other week, group meetings, and health screenings, with curriculum that focuses on educating parents about their children's development and readiness for school.

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