

Friends of Potrero Hill Nursery School

A Blue Cloth


A blue cloth in the hands of the child

Becomes an ocean... then a river

Becomes a tent
and then the sky

Becomes a cape that flies
a blanket for rest

A blue cloth in the hands of a child
is no ordinary thing.



At Friends of Potrero Hill Nursery School we believe that young children live in a world blessed by the possibilities of their own imaginations. We are devoted to strengthening and nurturing the imagination in each child.

We believe it is through the realm of play and pretend that the child's intellect is first given form and that imagination is the ground in which the skills of problem-solving and creative thinking must first take root.

Inspired by, but not confined to, the ideas of Rudolph Steiner and his Waldorf system of education, "Friends of Potrero" maintains an intimate and simple atmosphere with a daily schedule that includes singing, story-telling, outdoor play, cooking and crafts.

Giving thanks for the earth, for food and for each other is an integral part of our daily practice. Through a seasonal cycle of activities in our small garden and throughout the neighborhood, we draw the children's attention to the natural world around them. In winter we have "rain walks" in fall we gather leaves and acorns. We believe a reverence for nature will create the environmentalists of the future.



Our classroom also reflects a reverence for nature. Toys are made of wood, cotton, and other natural materials. Most, like our colored cloths are designed to be used in many different ways. Wooden figures, stones, beeswax and gathered leaves might combine to create an entire village. The stories told by the teachers are in keeping with the changing moods of the year as well as the changing rhythms of each child.

Our Organization

Friends of Potrero Hill Nursery School is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving childhood in San Francisco. We are a fully licensed school.

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