

CONTINUATION PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING OUR IN-DEPTH PROGRAM

SUMMER 2018 [11 days, June 18 (eve) – 23; June 25-29]

KNOW THYSELF, KNOW THE WORLD! A deep and joyous dive into anthroposophical studies, child development, storytelling/marionettes, therapeutic aspects of early childhood education, child study, first grade readiness, transitions, rhythms and rituals of the early childhood classroom, movement journeys for circle time, and continuing personal artistic development in eurythmy, music and speech. There will also be focused preparation for your teaching practicum with an experienced early childhood teacher. Rena will be Lead Teacher for this summer session and guest teacher Laurie Clark will bring her expertise in the therapeutic understanding and art of teaching young children, along with an introduction to her therapeutic movement circles.

AUTUMN 2018 [5 Days, October 4-8]

HEALTHY FOUNDATIONS! In addition to continued anthroposophical studies, we will deepen our work with nutrition and sleep and learn how to develop delightful circle time experiences for children, tailored to your personal geographic region. The session will be capped with a beautiful Winter Spiral Festival. Susan Silverio will be Lead Teacher for this session working with Chinyelu Kunz and Nurse Karen Alderfer and the stellar Kimberton teachers.

SPRING 2019 [7 Days, April 14-20]

UNFOLDING! Using the heart-expanding story of Parzival as a backdrop, we will continue our exploration of Biography in the realms of the individual, the evolving Earth, and the living being of a school, supported by excerpts from *Esoteric Science* and *The Study of Man* by Rudolf Steiner (whose personal biography will also be revisited). As always, we will continue the joyous work with music and movement and add the experience of form drawing. Cynthia will serve as Lead Teacher, working with Patricia Rubano on the deepening of the biography work.

SUMMER 2019 [10 Days, June 17-22; June 24-28]

“The WISHES of the soul are springing, The DEEDS of the will are thriving, The FRUITS of life are ripening.” ~ Rudolf Steiner

We will focus on forging meaningful relationships with parents and colleagues and how to develop clear and inspiring communications and a healthy culture for school meetings. Rena will lead the morning study on *Esoteric Science*, weaving in artistic activity. Rena and Sharifa Oppenheimer will guide further deepening of rhythms, rituals and transitions in the early childhood classroom, accompanied by watercolor painting and beeswax modelling. We will continue with music and movement for self-development, while Lynn St.Pierre will work with Wilma Ellersiek's gesture games for the children. Time will be set aside for a rich sharing of everyone's practicum work, and the session will culminate with a beautiful commencement.

PRACTICUM

Six weeks of observing and teaching under the guidance of a practicum teacher completes the coursework. Clear guidelines and suggested activities for each of the six weeks have been established and time will be spent in the first week of classes going over the expectations. We will also work with each practicum student to determine the best timing for the practicum weeks.

