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<p>5 Dr. Suess Day 1-4pm @ Oberlin Public Library</p> 		<p>7 Pre-school Storytime, ages 3-4, 10:30am @ Oberlin Public Library</p>	<p>8 Preschool In the Garden, (Free) 10-11am. @Schoepfle Garden, Birmingham</p>	<p>9  Oberlin Kids Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 @ The Depot</p>	<p>10  OECC Pre-K Dalcroze 11:00-12:00</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19 Great Lakes Theater's "Classics on Tour" 2pm @ Oberlin Library</p>	<p>20 First Day Of Spring</p> 	<p>21 OECC Pre-K Field Trip - Museum of Contemporary Art <b>OECC Preschool Storytime</b></p>	<p>22  Stories &amp; Songs ages 2-3, 10:30am @ Oberlin Public Library</p>	<p>23  Oberlin Kids Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 @ The Depot</p>	<p>24 <b>Professional Development Day OECC Closed</b></p> 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 L.E.G.O. Little Engineers Group of Oberlin, 5 &amp; up, 4-5:30pm @OPL</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30  Oberlin Kids Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 @ The Depot</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>

## The Importance of Space & Environment in Teaching

*"It has been said that the environment should act as a kind of aquarium which reflects the ideas, ethics, attitudes and cultures of the people who live in it.*

*This is what we are working toward."*

Loris Malaguzzi - Reggio Emilia

The role of space and the environment is critical to our teaching and your child's learning. To us, space and environment have two different meanings.

**SPACE** is the physical, unchanging features of the center. The windows, doors, entryway, outdoor play space, water sources, etc.

The upcoming renovations will allow our staff and parents the opportunity to redefine an exemplary space for children to move and explore. In order to create a space we need to ask ourselves. "What type of experience do we want children and families to have from the time they get out of their car to the time they enter the classroom? Do the windows allow children to look outside? Is there ample light, space, fresh air? Are children visible at all

times? Are there enough toilets?" The answers to these questions will help us begin to redefine our space.

We have created a wall of inspiration in our front office to begin to display our ideas. Please stop by to take a look. Every change made in our space must be intentional, from the toilets, to the reception area, to the classroom floors.

**ENVIRONMENT** is the way the physical space is "dressed" up, the way in which the space is used. It is the way the room feels, the way it looks, the way it sounds, the way it invites or does not invite you in.

The environment is the space the children use to create their world and invoke their stories. It is reflective of our view of the child and identifies what we value.

Our staff is engaged in discussions reflecting upon our view of the child and the role that the space and environment play. We hope to gather your ideas as well by offering focus groups for your participation.

## Family Focus Group

### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Our facility renovation and expansion planning will not be complete without getting feedback from the families.

The lead architect will conduct the focus groups, giving parents the opportunity to be part of developing an innovative and efficient space that supports the growth and development of every child, family, and community member.

### FOCUS GROUP DATES

- Thurs., March 9, 4:30 - 5:30pm
- Sat., March 25, 10:00 - 11:00am

*All meetings will be held at the Oberlin Public Library*

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Email your selected date to [phorvath@oberlineartchildhood.org](mailto:phorvath@oberlineartchildhood.org).
- Sign up in OECC lobby
- Call 440-774-8193 ask for Pam

*We look forward to seeing you!*