



IMHO... Why choose ORSCH?

Parents are the guardians of the future. Their children ARE the future. What is your child's future?

All children begin as free thinkers. It is the experiences in the world around them that molds them into who they become. Children who are spoken to from babyhood learn, understand and grasp the language. Children who are hugged and loved learn affection and a sense of belonging. Children who are treated with respect, respect themselves and others. Children learn from what surrounds them. What surrounds your child?

ORSCH is what all schools should aspire to be. ORSCH is a vision. ORSCH is a model. ORSCH is unique. ORSCH is an inspiration.

ORSCH, at its core, is a community within a community. Communication is key. A sense of belonging is key. Respect for self and for others is key. In that community setting, children are comfortable in learning. They thrive. They grow a desire within themselves to learn. They grow a desire within themselves to help others to learn.

"Standard" academic excellence, unfortunately, encompasses a rather narrow scope of life. While the three R's are indeed important, we severely limit ourselves when they are our only focus. A child's natural sense of curiosity is a far more important area of learning to develop. With practice, anyone, at any level, can recite facts and figures. Anyone can memorize songs or poems or paragraphs from a book. Not all people can make that book come alive. Not all people can breathe life into a poem. Not all people can inspire joy or despair through music. These things are not learned techniques. They are inspired. Inspired many times, by those around us.

Learning is an essential part of living. We learn things everyday of our lives. So do our children. What are our children learning at ORSCH? They are learning life's lessons. To be a part of a bigger world. To be comfortable in their own skin. To be free to use their own voice. To reach out for the impossible. To explore and to question. To laugh and to sing and to play. To be a friend and to have a friend. To discover a limitation and to overcome it. To be the person they were meant to be. And...to recite the alphabet.

As a parent whose child has attended ORSCH since its inception, the possibilities opened to my child for her future are, quite simply, amazing. At 13, I believe if she never attended another day of school, she would excel in all she does. Not because of a vast accumulation of knowledge, facts or excellent test scores. But because of the person ORSCH has helped her to become. She is, even now, a confident, bright, giving and caring inspiration in life. She reaches for the stars and the moon and the depths of the oceans of knowledge and learning not because she is required to but because she loves it. Because she is surrounded by people who love learning and inspire others to be the very best they can be. Her sense of possibilities and accomplishment knows no bounds. She knows who she is and what her place is in the world around her. And for all this I am so very grateful.

All children begin as free thinkers. If we put them in a box, they will think within the walls of the box. If we set them free, who knows what they can achieve?

IMHO...there is no choice but ORSCH.