

# Whole Scholar Approach

## STEM

All students at WISH have integrated technology lessons led by PlanetBravo weekly! These include digital citizenship, coding, web design, cloud computing, podcasts, and so much more! In addition, students have 1:1 chromebooks, teachers have SmartBoards and document cameras, and we use a myriad of educational software programs to extend, accelerate, re-teach, and remediate when needed!



## Visual and Fine Arts

The art program at WISH is comprised of both visual and fine arts grounded in the Meet the Masters program alternating with ceramics. All students participate in art each week with a highly trained art teacher! Students showcase their work in museums throughout the city, coffee shops, and in our annual Art Gallery.

## Physical Education

Kinesiology is important to us at WISH and all students participate in physical education lessons twice a week with our incredible PE teacher! Students enjoy playing games, strengthening their gross motor skills, and competing in physical challenges!

## Library

Each week children go to the library to check out a new book! Our librarians often host read alouds, have guest authors join our library experiences, and teach the students using culturally relevant materials to excite and engage them!



## Garden

Each class has a garden plot where they enthusiastically grow fruits, vegetables, and plants! Weekly students monitor the growth of the items in their plot and enjoy nibbling on the edible treats! Once a year we have a harvest festival where students enjoy eating items that each class has grown!

## Music

Beginning in TK all students are involved in moving, singing, listening, and playing instruments, through which they experience the essential strands of music: rhythm, melody, harmony, form and expressive elements. All students participate in music two times a week and perform three times per year for families—once at the International Festival, once at the Spring Sing, and another time at one of our awards assemblies.



## Meaningful and Engaging Curriculum

Using a variety of learning methods, including project based learning, hands on learning, direct instruction, whole group, small group, and 1:1 guided inquiry, teachers use a constructivist approach to inspire learners to make meaning of the world around them in all subject areas including math, reading, writing, social studies, science, music, art, PE, technology, and STEM!