

Seminar on Artful Learning

Date : 11th May, 2005 (Wednesday)

Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Venue: NCE Past Students' Association School

24 Sheung Heung Road, Tokawan, Kowloon.

Schedule :

Time	Program
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Registration
2:15-2:25 p.m.	Welcome Speech by EMB Representative
2:25-3:45 p.m.	Artful Learning Principal & Teachers from U.S. Hermia Simmons-Deveaux - Principal Angelia Williams – Kindergarten Teacher Karen Stargel – Instructional Lead Teacher
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00-4:45 p.m.	Sharing Session Representatives from Project Schools -Anchors Kindergarten & International Nursery -Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School -NCE Past Students' Association School
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Question & Answer

Attachment:

The Artful Learning Approach combines the fundamentals of artistic process and classical education with effective teaching practices and curriculum design.

Teaching is based on four principles: learning springs from engaging experiences; children inquire when they are interested; they start to love learning when they actually create something; and they begin to master subjects when they reflect thoughtfully.

These four principles, modeled on artistic process, supports research which reveals that creating art in any subject improves the quality of education and develops critical thinking skills.

Attachment Program and Student Exchange

Purpose:- To exchange best practices between Hong Kong and US.

- To improve student achievement through implementation of best practices.

Five teachers from three Hong Kong schools (Anchors Kindergarten & International Nursery, Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School and NCE Past Students' Association School) visited the Harmony Leland Elementary School from 6-17 February, 2005 to learn the Artful Learning Model.

The team of teachers had cultural diversity training with the staff geared toward understanding cultural differences with Asian students. They conducted classroom observation and took up an intensive training program during the exchange.

The 3 schools are making an attempt to adopt the Artful Learning Approach in their schools.