

Learning at Bronx Community

Every day at Bronx Community, students...



- work with materials
- ask questions
- gather information
- look for answers
- share ideas
- record their thinking
- explore their world

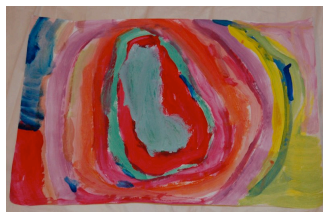
Instruction takes place in a workshop setting that includes independent work time and whole class, small group, and individual instruction.

The BxC curriculum includes:

- Reading and Writing Workshop
- Word study
- Investigations math
- Inquiry-based science
- Project-based social studies



Bronx Community's comprehensive arts program includes visual art classes, acting classes, and an African and Latin drumming program.



Community Activism

At BxC, students learn to be critical thinkers and problem solvers, working together to improve their world. Children spend time learning about the neighborhood and community resources. Each year, students and teachers work together to plan and carry out community action projects that connect curriculum to the realities of life beyond their classrooms. Students learn how to create change and become advocates for themselves and their community.

Family Involvement

BxC family members join a learning community where their input and participation is welcomed and encouraged. BxC families take part in the daily life of the classroom by coming in to...

- read a favorite book aloud
- cook with a small group
- help in the art studio
- chaperone school trips
- help teachers with clerical work



Home-school communication is an essential piece of our program. Classroom teachers send home regular newsletters to share about the work going on at school. Individual communication happens regularly through phone calls and notes home. Three times each year, teachers write a comprehensive narrative report about each child's progress and individual family conferences are held in the fall and spring.

Family orientations, community council meetings, and curriculum nights also provide opportunities for families to ask questions and to understand and participate in their child's education.



What is a charter school?

Charter schools are public schools that operate under a direct contract with the state. New York charter schools have the freedom to develop their own curriculum, control their own budget, and hire teachers who best match their needs. Charter schools accept students by lottery. Students attending charter schools qualify for all of the same services as those attending regular public schools.



Admission to BxC is by lottery. BxC is an equal opportunity educational option and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or background. By law, BxC must give preference to children who live in District 10. Applications for admission must be received by April 1, 2009.