

ART, MATERIALS, AND INQUIRY

CROSSROADS

For Learning

ORGANIZATION AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Crossroads for Learning was formed to inspire, support, connect, and challenge early childhood educators as they seek to understand and apply principles and practices of the Reggio Emilia Approach within their own context.

Dr. George Szekely and Dr. Ilona Szekely, co-founders of the Center for Creative Art Teaching (CCAT), will discuss and demonstrate play based approaches to art teaching that fosters design thinking and artistic problem solving.

Event also includes tour of a Reggio-Inspired program, various material workshops, and presentations by local educators.

Where: Nia Family Center
744 N. Monticello Ave. Chicago, IL 60624
Phone: (773) 722-0115

When: Saturday, December 6, 2014
8:30am - 2:30pm

* This event is open to all educators, parents, and advocates for children *

AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration and Tour Site
- 9:30 Introductions and Reflections on Site Tour
- 10:00 Keynote Presentation by Dr. George Szekely and Dr. Ilona Szekely
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 Presentations of Learning Experiences (Choices are):
 - *Amazing Cakes*, Union Church of Hinsdale
 - *Using Natural Materials to Create...A Home for Animals*, Highland Park Community Nursery School
 - *Study of the City*, The University of Chicago Laboratory School
 - *Parents with Teachers: How Transformational Materials Connected a Community*, Velma Thomas Early Childhood Center
 - *What is a family? It's my dad, it's my mom, it's my dog*, Belmont-Cragin Early Childhood Center
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:15 Choose a Material to Explore:
 - Recycled Materials
 - Light and Shadow with Mixed Media
- 2:15 Closing: Reflections and Comments

Crossroads for Learning is not responsible for changes due to consequences of extreme weather conditions or unforeseen events.

REGISTRATION FORM

The fee for the mini-conference is \$75.00 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Checks are to be made payable to **Crossroads for Learning**. A check and the registration slip must be received by Monday, December 1, 2014!

Name: _____ Organization/School: _____ Vegetarian Lunch Requested?

Email address: _____ (Important for further information about event.)

Please detach and mail registration and payment of \$75.00 to:
Union Church Early Childhood Programs
Attn: Jennifer Keldahl
137 S. Garfield Ave.
Hinsdale, IL 60521

**** IMPORTANT REMINDER, check for \$75.00 must be made payable to Crossroads for Learning. No refunds after December 3rd. ****
If you have questions please e-mail either Jennifer Keldahl (JKeldahl@uchinsdale.org) or Karen Haigh (karenmhaigh@aol.com).