

Early Childhood Center (ECC)

Pingüinos (Penguins): Ages 12 months - 24 months
El Nido (The Nest): Ages 18 months - 3 years
Escuelita (Little School): Ages 2 years - 4 years

Pandas: Ages 3 years - 5 years
Primaria (Primary): Ages 4 years - 5 years

Let's Garden

Each preschool classroom has its own garden, dedicated to learning, playing, and growing—both the plants and the children! In the gardens, children learn about nature and responsibility.

Hola! Ni Hao!

Each preschool classroom teaches Spanish and Mandarin vocabulary. The teachers incorporate the languages through songs, games, and play.

Come Play with Us

At Peregrine, playing is learning and learning is playing. Daily activities are designed to be engaging and open-ended, and tailored around a rich curriculum. Our low teacher-to-student ratios of 1:4 - 1:8 (depending on the classroom), allow for meaningful and lasting connections between teachers and children. Children are encouraged to participate in projects that focus on the process, not the product.

In the Classroom

Peregrine is a developmental program: The classroom is molded to the child—not the other way around. We believe that children deserve to be in an environment that supports their social, emotional, and academic development, as well as their unique talents, needs and interests. We consider our expansive outdoor spaces an extension of our classrooms. Progress is measured in all subject areas through individual portfolios, which focus on a student's personal progress rather than comparing them to national norms.

Big Emotions

We consider emotional learning to be equally important to other academic subjects, and we train our teachers to help foster prosocial skills. Our teachers provide individual attention to nurture their students' growing minds.

Outside—Rain or Shine

We spend as much time as possible playing and learning outside in our engaging playgrounds.

At Peregrine We S.O.A.R.!

Sciences Outdoor Education Arts Responsibility

What Happens in a Project-based Classroom?

"Project-based" means collaborative hands-on learning. It means children have the agency to create and show what they've learned. Arts and sciences are integrated into all subject matters, and teachers tailor their lessons to the students' interests.

Food

Our chefs plan and prepare diverse, nutritious, family-style lunches and snacks. The meals are fresh, seasonal, and served hot from the kitchen daily.

Peregrine's Gardens

Our gardens play a crucial role in outdoor education. At the West campus, each classroom has a unique, dedicated garden. Comprising more than one acre, the South Campus' space features a Native Plant Garden, the Fantasy Garden, the BLIZZ (a "build it zone"), The Vegetable Garden as well as an outdoor theater.

Elementary

Owls: Kindergarten
Magpies: First and Second Grade

Eagles: Third and Fourth Grade
Crows: Fifth and Sixth Grade

What makes Peregrine Education Different?

We support curiosity and joy in education. We want our students to be curious, collaborative, creative, and possess self-motivation that will help them to thrive throughout their life.

Work at Your Own Pace

Peregrine students get the close teacher support they need to progress at their own pace through differentiated instruction and flexibility. It's one of the hallmarks of our small program. We want kids to feel comfortable, be engaged, and have fun learning in the classroom.

No Homework

Children should have time to play, rest, and be with family & friends in the evenings. Busywork-style homework interferes with other areas of development, and is not necessary for elementary students. Children sometimes read, do make-up work, or have projects with a home or family connection, but we believe schoolwork is for school. Progress is measured in all subject areas through individual portfolios, which focus on a student's personal progress rather than comparing them to national norms.

Low Teacher-to-Student Ratio

The teacher-to-student ratio in the elementary classrooms is one teacher to every ten students. This means that students form close connections with their teachers, and teachers really get to know their students' academic needs.

Learn to be a Leader

Classrooms are set up with cross-age activities to allow students to have leadership opportunities as well as community internships for upper graders. Social and emotional learning are a large part of the curriculum in every classroom.

Value of Play at All Ages

Our elementary students spend 1.5 hours a day in free play time and PE.

Enriched Lessons

Specialist teachers in music, dance, cooking, and art visit the classrooms each week.



Welcome Humans!

In all things, Peregrine School honors and serves the spirit of childhood and the vast possibilities for human development. Everything follows from that.

To us, a person is a naturally social learning machine: We want to learn, want to form nurturing relationships, want to be competent and productive. These things are part of our basic nature. If a child is not succeeding in these ways at school, it's because learnable skills are lacking; it's not a lack of intelligence, manipulation on the part of the child, or just laziness, as adults sometimes think.

Traditional education assumes a person will not learn without reward and punishment; progressive education trusts that a child will do well if they can. Gradually, through the years in the presence of sensitive care from adults, children develop self-reliance, the capacity for emotional regulation, and social and academic competence. These qualities are innate within all of us, and that's our starting point as a school.

At Peregrine we S.O.A.R.:
Sciences, Outdoor Education, Arts, and Responsibility.

We offer hands-on, play-based learning, collaborative projects, integrated & thematic curriculum, and positive guidance for social-emotional well-being. Reggio Emilia-inspired, low teacher-to-student ratios, no grades, no homework, lots of play & exploration time outside in the gardens—these are absolutely essential, and what makes us us.

How's that sound? Well, welcome, humans!



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