



State of the Art Nursery School Goes Beyond Ordinary Learning Meet the Faces of your Children's Future

After taking the wrong ferry into Hoboken in 2002, Zuleika Fertullien felt such an undeniable connection with the town that she never left. Today she oversees two successful waterfront nursery schools that are certified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She and her team of dedicated teachers and staff are making a significant difference in many young lives and are grateful for the tremendous ongoing support from the Hoboken community.

The children, who come from culturally diverse backgrounds, benefit from the innovative materials, books and technology Ms. Fertullien brings from NAEYC events and conferences. Not only are Beyond Basic Learning teachers trained to integrate these materials into classrooms, they also incorporate lessons learned from educational sessions held at the Hoboken Children's Museum, Liberty Science Center and the Newark Children's Museum. The teachers and staff also represent a rich cultural diversity that stimulates a celebration of these differences with the children and their families at monthly potluck meals that are also a part of the classroom curriculum.

"The best learning takes place when the child is part of the discovery," says Zuleika. "Beyond Basic Learning prepares children for Elementary school and for so much

more! We use Hoboken as a classroom through scheduled field trips to the museum, pumpkin patches, bagel shops, and dental offices, all creating unique learning experiences."

Newborns to youngsters, from two months to five years old, are enrolled into the Cocoon, Caterpillar, or Butterfly level classrooms based on age, developmental and emotional learning needs. "By the time our Butterfly classes are ready to graduate and head to Kindergarten, we are confident that they are well-equipped for educational success."



Zuleika Fertullien, Executive Director and Founder



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