

Kids Co. and the Community Alignment Project

Your child has the opportunity to learn through play at Kids Co.

John Hay Elementary and Kids Co. at John Hay are fortunate to be a part of the Community Alignment Project that began in the spring of 2000. The goal of the project is to link schools and out-of-school-time providers to strengthen academic success for every child. Working together as a team, Kids Co. and John Hay School are better able to serve the needs of each child and family. We are working closer than ever with classroom teachers, sharing space and resources and staying connected through improved communication between Kids Co. and the John Hay staff, leadership and Partners Board. We are active members of the Partners Board and the Citizenship Committee. Our activities are directly in support of the academic standards within a developmentally appropriate atmosphere for before/after-school. This includes daily activities that directly link to school-based standards and structured support for homework.

Examples of learning at Kids Co.

Project: Making Friendship Bread

Learning Objective: Work together to follow a recipe

Link to Standards: Reading - exposure to a variety of printed materials including informational text

Math - understanding and using life-based math concepts including measurement and estimating

Communication - uses listening and observation strategies to work effectively with others and divide the work

Project: Jabber Jot Game

Learning Objective: Work together to create a story from 3 randomly picked pictures.

Link to Standards: Reading - Understanding what is written and reading it aloud to the other players.

Writing - taking a variety of concepts and incorporating them into a cohesive story with a beginning, middle and end.

Communication - using listening and observation strategies to follow directions and work together in creating a story.

You can find more information about our daily activities and how they are linked to your child's learning on the **Project Calendar** located on the **Parent Information Board**. Please feel free to observe (and even participate in!)

one of our **fun and enriching activities each day.**

"Play is the highest form of research" – Albert Einstein

