First Baptist Church Kindergarten and Infant Toddler Program Professional Development Offerings for 2013-14





In association with the presence of the Wonder of Learning exhibit in Greenville from January – May 2014, we will be offering the following initiatives in which we hope you can participate. These will be our professional development opportunities this year instead of our usual Educator Exchange Days in the fall and spring. The title of our year-long professional development series is:

The Pleasure of Learning: Reimagining School as a Place of Inspiration, Innovation, and Collaboration

November 8, 2013, 9:00 – 3:00, Cost: \$100, \$90 for NAREA members

Amelia Gambetti and Lella Gandini, educators from Reggio-Emilia, will be with us for a 1 day initiative from 9:00 – 3:00. The intent of this initiative is to introduce and build enthusiasm for the arrival of the exhibit. The title of this initiative is: *Anticipating "The Wonder of Learning -- The Hundred Languages of Children" Exhibit.* This initiative will be a dialogue with Amelia Gambetti and Lella Gandini with excerpts from the exhibit and stories from Reggio-Emilia.

February 27 – March 1, 2014

The NAREA Winter Conference will be held in Greenville at First Baptist. We are very excited about this opportunity. The conference will include two educators from Reggio-Emilia and will be planned by NAREA. It will also include visits to our schools and the exhibit. More information will be coming from NAREA.

May 1-2, 2014 (tentative times: 9-3 each day) Cost: \$150, \$135 for NAREA members

Amelia Gambetti and Lella Gandini will be returning for an initiative titled, *Encounters with Literacy: Stories* from the Daily Lives of Young Children. This initiative will also involve presentations from Project Infinity educators and will include a visit to the exhibit.

We will be sending more information soon about registration for the November and May initiatives. Information for the NAREA winter conference can be obtained from the NAREA website:

www.reggioalliance.org Please feel free to share this information with others you feel may be interested.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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