



Welbourne Nursery & Preschool

450 West Welbourne Avenue

Winter Park, FL 32789

June 5, 2020

Grant Request

City of Winter Park / 2020-21 CRA Funding

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are honored to again be approached by the City of Winter Park to request it further invest with Welbourne Nursery & Preschool with its 2020-21 community improvement funds – to make capital improvements to its playground gazebo.

Here is what we are proposing:

#1 – We are proposing to *enclose the north end of our front yard gazebo*, to create about 200 ($20' \times 10' = 200 \text{ sqft}$) sqft of storage for tricycles (*on the new covered floor*) - and add a shelf for the storage of other outside toys and playground equipment. Presently, the tricycles and other toys are stored along the walk ways of the classrooms. We estimate the cost of the project will be about \$20,000 ($200 \text{ sqft} \times \$100 = \$20,000$) by the time we draw plans, obtain a building permit, build the addition, and then, also upgrade the ceiling and roofing of the main gazebo – and then landscape and repaint the entire structure. The gazebo is very visible from Welbourne



Avenue. As part of the painting of the new enclosure, we plan to add a colorful mural that will add to the curb appeal of the school property.

#2 – We are proposing to *expand the concrete sidewalk* alongside the gazebo so that the children can ride the tricycles outside instead of in the classroom hallways (*as they do now*). We expect the cost to be about \$3000 ($40' \times 5' \times \$15 = \3000).



#3 – We are proposing to *replace sections of our playground equipment* that have rusted over the years (*we have been cited by DCF*) and have been asked to stop fixing the rusted places - and just replace the affected sections. We expect the cost to be about \$12,000.

If we spend less than expected on the playground replacement sections, we will re-mulch and re-paint with the remainder of the funds.

Total Winter Park CRA Grant Fund Request 2020-21: \$35,000

Here is our background information:

Started in 1927 to serve Winter Park's working families, we remain a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation in good standing, we continue to prepare annual audited financial statements, timely file a form 990 tax return, and our 4000 sqft building at 450 West Welbourne Avenue remains debt free, has no deferred maintenance, and serves each age group in separate classrooms, including individual bathrooms.

Welbourne is completely fenced, with 6' high, locked, metal fencing, - and we are blanketed with security cameras, and protected by Winter Park's emergency first responders.

Welbourne accepts children from 6-weeks of age, thru age 4 – and its faculty advances its precious children from constant child care all the way through to Pre-Kindergarten – and thru the stages where learning morphs from walking and hand-washing, to academics.



Welbourne features automated learning approaches, using computers, ABC Mouse academic software, and robotics.

Welbourne has capacity for 64 children in all – and experiences normal enrollment of 60+ children.

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From the New York Times, May 29, 2020

How to Build a Better Child Care System

Children under the age of 5 spend an average of 28 hours a week in the care of a non-family member. During this time, their brains are growing rapidly: the human brain reaches 80 percent of its size by age 3, and 90 percent by age 5. That's why neuroscientists call this period of development "sensitive" or "malleable": regularly positive experiences with a trusted, safe and reliable caregiver can have long-term benefits, while constantly negative, neglectful experiences can have long-term consequences. The quality of those 28 hours of child care a week matters as much to children's development as access matters to parents' employment.