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**The Kinder Garden School in West Chester chosen for STEM Project**

The Kinder Garden School in West Chester was one of less than a dozen schools chosen to participate in a STEM Project hosted by 4C and Duke Energy. Once a month for nine months, a teacher from the school will attend a training to support their science program. This project's mission is to put in place a network of trainers who can lead regular training workshops for staff on how to lead hands-on science projects with their children. The Kinder Garden School will send Curt Cranmer, their afterschool teacher, to the cohort. Mr. Cranmer returned to the Kinder Garden School after a short leave to lead the chartered first and second grade program. The Kinder Garden School is supporting Mr. Cranmer in obtaining the training and adding additional supplies as needed.

The Kinder Garden School in West Chester successfully added a first grade curriculum to its program for the 2010-2011 School Year and has maintained a K/1 class ever since. The Kinder Garden School has two teachers per class. This allows them to keep their classroom ratios at 15:2 versus public schools who must maintain ratios of 25:1. This intimate classroom structure allows for more individualized attention for students. Trudi Simpson, the principal of the school, says, "A child's early learning experience is a time for them to embrace the idea that learning is fun and something they should enjoy doing as well as prepare them for future educational experiences." Simpson adds, "The continuity offered by adding a first grade to our curriculum has proven to be priceless in securing our students' self esteem and competency so when they move on to elementary school they are academically prepared. This gives them the chance to focus on social issues," says Simpson. "This also reinforces a true community of learners which addresses each child's individual needs by providing a differentiated curriculum that spans three grades". The addition this year of a second grade class is a testament to the quality curriculum that The Kinder Garden School provides.

In addition to its rich curriculum, these beautiful facilities also offer web-cams in every classroom which grant 24-7 access through their password-protected website. The Kinder Garden School offers below state ratios and teaches children ages 6 weeks through school-aged. If you would like more information about programs and curricula, visit [www.kindergardenschool.com](http://www.kindergardenschool.com) or call 513-791-4300 to set up a tour in Blue Ash or 513-874-3100 to set up a tour in West Chester.

Kinder Garden School is devoted to growing a child's wish to flourish and learn by cultivating curiosity and problem-solving proficiency in a fully supportive, fertile, fun setting.

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