



WELCOME TO ELLEMERCITO LEARNING COMMUNITY

Restoring wonder, curiosity, and joy in learning.



ELLEMERCITO
Learning Community

WHO WE ARE

Ellemercito Learning Community is a **microschool and hybrid homeschooling program** that blends personalized academics, hands-on exploration, and a trauma-informed approach.

We create an environment where children feel seen, known, and deeply supported as learners and as humans.



OUR TEAM



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ONE SIZE FITS NONE. EVERY LEARNER IS UNIQUE.



*Why not reimagine education?
What if we followed the child's
delight?*



Belonging



Agency



WHAT MAKES ELLEMEERCITO UNIQUE

- Personalized learning journeys
- Hands-on, project-based experiences
- Trauma-informed and emotionally safe environment
- Nature-rich learning through Thrive Thursdays
- Performing arts, creativity, and student-led expression
- A warm, connected community where every child is known



PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER

An Ellemercito learner approaches the world with curiosity, confidence, compassion, and responsibility.



PORTRAIT OF AN ELLEMERCITO LEARNER



I AM A GLOBAL CITIZEN

I can make new friends.
I can include everyone.
I can help people in need.



I AM A MINDFUL LEARNER

I can manage my feelings.
I can try again.
I can think before I act.



I AM AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

I can share my ideas in writing.
I can listen to other people's ideas.
I can learn from other ideas.



I AM A SKILLFUL COLLABORATOR

I can be part of a team.
I can compromise.
I can tell others they did a great job.



I AM AN INSPIRED INNOVATOR

I can solve problems.
I can learn from my mistakes.
I can use flexible thinking.



I AM A SOLUTION SEEKER

I can name the problem.
I can find solutions.
I can solve my own problems.

Early
Elementary
(Icons)



PORTRAIT OF AN ELLEMERCITO LEARNER



I AM A GLOBAL CITIZEN

- I can learn about other people and their needs.
- I can treat others with respect.
- I can build relationships with others.
- I can start a conversation with someone new.
- I can help others and my community.



I AM AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

- I can hear other's ideas with an open mind.
- I can listen and speak in a conversation.
- I can communicate calmly and directly.
- I can change my ideas based on new information.
- I can share my ideas in writing.



I AM A SKILLFUL COLLABORATOR

- I can use a growth mindset.
- I can trust my teammates.
- I can compromise my ideas.
- I can work as part of a team.
- I can encourage my teammates.



I AM AN INSPIRED INNOVATOR

- I can solve problems.
- I can use other's ideas to improve my own.
- I can learn from my mistakes and try again.
- I can keep improving my plan.
- I can use flexible thinking.



I AM A MINDFUL LEARNER

- I can regulate my emotions.
- I can name my strengths and weaknesses.
- I can set learning goals for myself.
- I can choose to think before I act.
- I can take care of my own needs.



I AM A SOLUTION SEEKER

- I can identify a problem.
- I can work with others to solve problems.
- I can find more than one solution.
- I can choose the best solution to a problem.
- I can research how to solve a problem.

Upper
Elementary
/Early
Middle
(Icons)



Acts with empathy, ethical responsibility, cultural awareness, and stewardship.



Communicates effectively, shares responsibility, and builds community.



Demonstrates self-awareness, emotional regulation, reflection, and wellbeing.

SKILLS OF A GLOBAL CITIZEN

GC 1	GLOBAL LEARNING I can educate myself on current and past global issues.
GC 2	GLOBAL AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION I can respect, value, and acknowledge different environments, cultures, and situations.
GC 3	BUILDING INCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS I can develop positive relationships with individuals regardless of background or ideology.
GC 4	HUMAN CONNECTIONS AND CONVERSATIONS I can initiate and participate in conversations with people of different cultural affiliations and backgrounds.
GC 5	ALTRUISM AND IMPACT I can positively contribute to my community and support those in need.

SKILLS OF A SKILLFUL COLLABORATOR

SC 1	NAVIGATING CONFLICT I can remain optimistic and confident in my ability to work through tough situations.
SC 2	ACCOUNTABILITY OF THOUGHT AND ACTION I can hold myself accountable and trust that my peers are responsible as well.
SC 3	COLLABORATION AND COMPROMISE I can reflect on others' inputs and compromise to reach a common goal.
SC 4	COMMUNITY BUILDING AND INTERDEPENDENT LEARNING I can lead and support a diverse group of individuals while we work to meet a common goal.
SC 5	ENCOURAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT I can empower others to be confident in themselves and their beliefs.

SKILLS OF A MINDFUL LEARNER

ML 1	SELF AWARENESS AND REGULATION I can recognize how my own emotions, thoughts and values can influence my behavior.
ML 2	MINDFUL SELF-ASSESSMENT I can accurately assess and understand my strengths and weaknesses in a non-judgmental way.
ML 3	MINDFUL GOAL SETTING I can set and work towards personal and academic goals through self-reflection and perseverance.
ML 4	EMPATHETIC REASONING I can evaluate potential outcomes of my actions considering the safety and well-being of myself and others.
ML 5	SUSTAINING WELLNESS I can make constructive and healthy choices based on my needs, responsibilities, and emotions.

Upper Middle/High School (cont.)



Listens deeply, expresses ideas clearly, and adapts communication across contexts.



Engages creativity, curiosity, and purpose to generate and refine ideas.



Applies inquiry, research, and critical thinking to real-world challenges.

SKILLS OF AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

EC 1	LISTENING AND APPRECIATION I can actively listen with an open mind, appreciate others' ideas, and empathize with a variety of perspectives.
EC 2	VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION I can communicate through my words, actions, and behavior.
EC 3	INTENTIONAL COMMUNICATION I can share ideas clearly and respectfully based on the audience.
EC 4	COMMUNICATION IN A CHANGING WORLD I can interpret information from a variety of sources to develop an informed opinion.
EC 5	COMMUNICATION ACROSS PLATFORMS I can utilize different platforms to express information, thoughts, and opinions.

SKILLS OF AN INSPIRED INNOVATOR

II 1	CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING I can use problem-solving skills to come up with creative ideas and solutions.
II 2	INDEPENDENT THINKING AND RESPONDING TO FEEDBACK I can work independently while incorporating feedback from others.
II 3	FAILING FORWARD I can learn and grow from failure by self-reflecting.
II 4	ADAPTIVE THINKING AND LEARNING I can adapt to various roles and circumstances.
II 5	AMBITION AND MOTIVATION I can motivate myself to reach my highest potential.

SKILLS OF A SOLUTION SEEKER

SS 1	INQUIRY AND REASONING I can analyze the situation to identify the problem.
SS 2	COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING I can seek help and work with others to find solutions to problems.
SS 3	EVALUATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK I can evaluate other solutions and respond to suggestions for improvement.
SS 4	RESPONSIVE PROBLEM SOLVING I can solve problems based on the knowledge I've gained from the process of troubleshooting.
SS 5	RESEARCH AND INFORMATION LITERACY I can access, acquire, evaluate, and use information to make informed decisions.

OUR PROGRAMS

Instructional Program

- Comprehensive, hands-on academics, workshops, SEL, performing arts, and Thrive Thursdays.

Hybrid homeschool drop-off option.

Community Membership

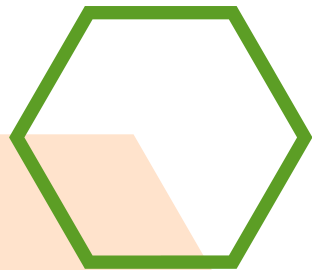
- 4 or 8 hours/month for enrichment, creative workshops, field trips, nature days, and after-school club.

A la carte option to join our community.

Independent Study Program

- Flexible weekly 1:1 check-ins, customized learning plan, academic support, and curriculum guidance.

A guided homeschool pathway.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Our days blend academics, creativity, movement, and meaningful connection.

Students engage in:

- Community Circle
- ELA + Math
- Science + Social Studies
- Workshops & Passion Projects
- Outdoor play + exploration
- Performing Arts, Spanish, + Entrepreneurship

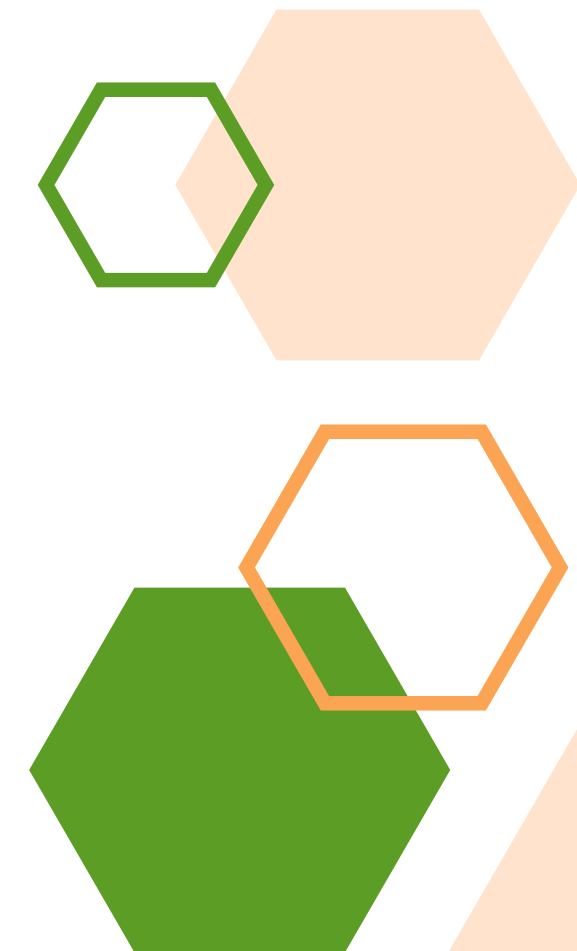


THRIVE THURSDAYS

Learning moves into the real world through nature exploration, field trips, hands-on outdoor learning, and community-based experiences.



PERFORMING ARTS AT ELLEMERCITO





OUR LEARNING SPACES

A warm, creative, and inviting environment designed for hands-on learning, collaboration, and belonging.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS (PRICING)

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

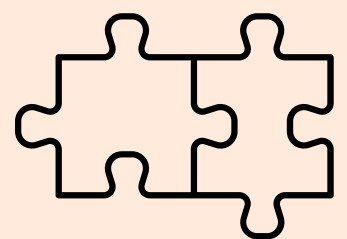
\$100/day



INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS

\$500/month

(includes four weekly 1-hour check-ins)



COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

\$95 or \$190/month



ENROLLMENT STEPS

1. *Submit Inquiry Form*
2. *Intake Call*
3. *Tour*
4. *Preview Day*
5. **Enroll**

