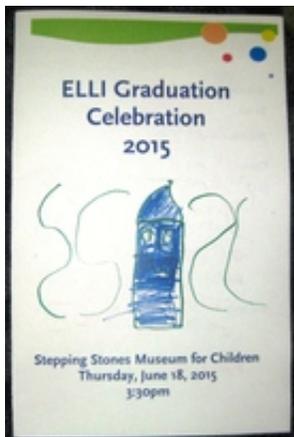


Launching the Class of 2028 with Early Language, Literacy and Learning



ELLI: A New Vision for Early Childhood Education

Despite the traditional diplomas, mortar boards, proud parents and beaming students, this graduation was far from ordinary. These kindergarten-bound graduates were the third class to experience ELLI, the Early Language and Literacy Initiative, which is grounded in evidence-based best practices. ELLI is a high quality, year-round multidisciplinary approach to early childhood education. ELLI provides essential language and literacy-rich educational experiences for young children that are based on theory, research and community wisdom about what all children need to learn and grow up successfully. The ELLI Lab School and ELLI Model Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms are designed to advance the academic, physical and social-emotional development of children ages 3–5 through play.

Things to LOK and LSM for in the ELLI Lab School at Stepping Stones



By donning the ELLI goggles, visitors can observe the differences in setting and content, intention and interaction that set ELLI apart from traditional early childhood education. A peek into classrooms last year revealed (among other things) children building a newsstand, producing and distributing "Team ELLI News," and exploring means of "verbal" and "nonverbal" communications, from cell phones to sign language.

The ELLI Goggles: Language, Literacy and Learning (L3)

Things to LOOK for:

- An appealing, child-centered and safe learning environment
- Learning units based on multidisciplinary topics and themes
- Visible vocabulary and content-rich teaching and learning
- Extensive invented spelling and writing
- Family engagement



Things to LISTEN for:

- Intentional, evolving play-filled learning experiences and practices
- Peer teacher-student, student-student interactions
- Rich, content-specific vocabulary
- Explicit, embedded instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness
- Complex language and verbal reasoning skill development

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