



CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
LEARNING CENTER

IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025





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A message from our Director

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Dear Families and Friends,

As we prepare to begin a brand-new school year, my heart is full—with gratitude, pride, and joy. This year marks **seven years of Children of the World Learning Center**, and I can't help but reflect on the journey we've taken together.

I have been feeling a sense of accomplishment and gratitude; accomplishment because we have been making history overcoming many obstacles and keeping up our goals of safety, learning and happiness for each child and family that walk the educational corridor at COTWLC. Our mission continues to grow stronger each day, thanks to a beautiful partnership between families, staff, volunteers, donors, board members, and our greater community. You are the frame that holds this vision together—and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

I am grateful because it is a blessing in my life that every morning at drop off time, I am at the front door greeting each child and family by their name and reminding them that it is going to be a GOOD DAY! Similarly, at dismissal time, when I ask them, "How was your day?" my heart is full of joy after every smile and thumbs up. For me it is more than part of the daily routine; it's an intentional commitment to share that we want them to succeed in school and in life.

We are celebrating seven incredible years at Children of the World Learning Center.

This summer, we watched with joy as two of our alumni from the founding class of 2018 graduated from a local elementary school with honors. A third student continued their education in their home country of Mexico. All three have been recognized for academic achievement and community service. I am grateful for their family's involvement in their children's education.

We are celebrating seven years of learning at Children of the World Learning Center.

100% of families participated in the Active Reading Program and 87% of the families kept track of daily reading logs. Over 6,000 books were read. I am grateful for the strong collaboration between families and school.

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We are not only delivering a high quality education, but also seeing the children become caring and critical thinkers that connect with the community and the world.

Thank you for being part of our growth, in 2025 and beyond.

Maria Antonietta Cardarelli, Program Director





What makes Children of the World stand out?

Children of the World Learning Center's mission is to support the growth and well-being of families of varied incomes and cultures through early childhood services, including a multicultural, dual language preschool and the cultivation of a sustaining community. At Children of the World, we are focused on student learning, family engagement, parent empowerment, and community building. During the 2024-2025 school year we served:

64 children in our classrooms.

36 enrolled families, plus **28** children under 3 years old that shared services with the Parents as Teachers Program (YMCA of Greater Charlotte).

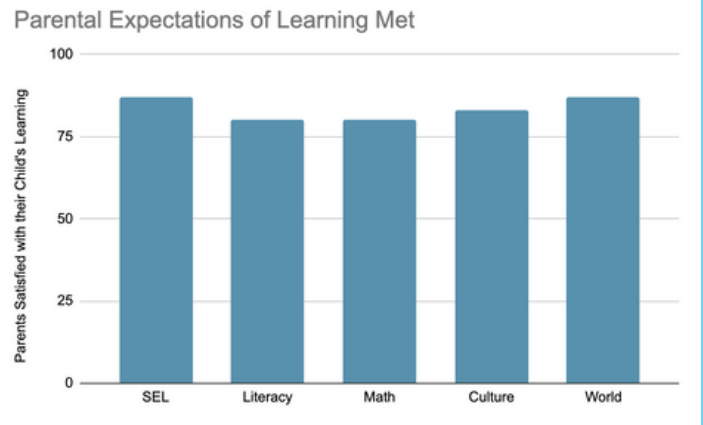
14 During the 2024-2025 school year, our staff participated in 14 trainings. Topics included: Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies, GOLD Assessment, NC Foundations, UN Sustainable Development Goals, Language Development, Cultural Lenses, Time Management, and Active Reading.

We are gracious for our collaborators; Smart Start, Parents as Teachers YMCA, Charlotte Speech and Hearing, Child Care Resources Inc, Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, Atrium Health System, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and Milestone OT Therapy for helping deliver these trainings.



Kindergarten Readiness & Continuing Bilingual Education

Seventeen 5-year-old students were promoted to kindergarten. Of these graduates, 71% will continue their bilingual education in a CMS Magnet Elementary School.



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PARENT PERSPECTIVE

At the end of the year, parents were surveyed to assess their perceptions of their children's learning. Parents were overwhelmingly satisfied with their child's learning in all areas. One parent shared:

"He visto crecer a mi hija de muchas maneras. Al principio mostraba curiosidad por todo, pero con el tiempo ha ido enfocándose en ciertas áreas que realmente le apasionan. Me he dado cuenta de que ha desarrollado una gran creatividad y también una habilidad para resolver problemas por sí misma. Además, ahora se expresa con más seguridad y toma iniciativa en las cosas que le gustan, lo cual me hace sentir muy orgullosa"

"I've watched my daughter grow in many ways. At first, she was curious about everything, but over time, she's focused on certain areas that truly interest her. I've noticed that she's developed great creativity and also an ability to solve problems on her own. Plus, she now expresses herself more confidently and takes initiative in the things she enjoys, which makes me very proud."

NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED BY FAMILIES

United States	El Salvador
Mexico	Guatemala
Venezuela	Haiti
Colombia	Nepal
Honduras	Bhutan
Argentina	India
Ecuador	Russia
Cuba	Congo
Dominican Republic	

SOCIOECONOMIC REPRESENTATION OF STUDENTS

