

# ENVIRONMENTS:

## Focal Point and Room Arrangement:

(Inspiring Spaces for Young Children)

- When designing the room arrangement, it is important to think about the classroom's layout in relationship to children's interests, backgrounds and experiences.



- To reflect the developmentally appropriate practices of learning through hands-on engagement and exploration, the arrangement of the centers and areas of interest are the focal point of room.



- A successful focal point forces the eyes to focus on the more important objects in the classroom instead of the custodial components such as cubbies, tables or coat racks.



- Within each interest area/center, an effective focal point draws children's eyes and entices them to explore the area's interesting elements and to linger there for extended periods of active engagement.

- Question to Ponder:  
What is the view from my doorway-  
what value of the learning process of children is reflected?



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Pictures from 2012-2013 school year in Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms.