



Entire School/
Campus Building
New Construction

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Type of School and
Grades Served:

Early Childhood/Elementary
School, Preschool-Kindergarten

Capacity: 375 students

Size of Site: 6.5 acres

Area of Building:
47,148 square feet

Volume of Building:
631,190 cubic feet

Space per Student:
126 square feet

Cost per Student: \$17,533

Square Foot Cost: \$139

Cost of Construction:
\$6.6 million

Total Project Cost:
\$7.9 million

Contract Date: Nov. 2004

Completion Date: Aug. 2006

Percent of Completion: 100%

Early Learning Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

Gibraltar Design, Inc.



MAIN ENTRANCE

The Early Learning Center for the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township in Indianapolis is an innovative response to the progressive vision of educators intent on providing forward-thinking learning environments. The goal to combine kindergarten, pre-K programs, preschool, and daycare into one three-year learning experience for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds allows all to enter first grade with similar learning skills.

The focus for learning is rooted in exploration and transparency. Interior windows and low walls allow children to see and hear the activities around them. Large windows invite sunlight into classroom seating and story areas. Windows between classrooms encourage students to see each other and communicate through wall-mounted speaking tubes. Even the boiler room has windows and portholes. Art studios provide the opportunity to create and express while computer pods become clusters of natural enthusiasm as kids work together. The café and play-



KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM



PLAY AREA

room are scaled for younger children and share an innovative round play table designed to seat 25.

The integration of site planning into the facility's design

overlays the need for bus loading, parent drop-off, preschool check-in, and playground access, and creates a safe and secure facility that invites children to a life of learning. ■

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