



# Early Childhood Makerspace

ELC Makers will be empowered to imagine, create, and explore in our Makerspace. Honoring the natural curiosity of young minds, teachers will facilitate ALL students through the learning process allowing them to communicate, collaborate, and problem solve with their peers.



CRITICAL  
THINKING



COMMUNICATION



COLLABORATION



CREATIVITY

**"I believe that investing in our children's development from the earliest age is the single most important contribution we can make."**  
- Jay Weatherill



## WHAT IS MAKERSPACE?

Makerspace is a place where all early childhood students could explore their passions using raw materials, tools, technology, repurposed items and their imagination.

Young children can work collaboratively in ways that are open ended, exploratory, and self directed.

## WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD MAKERSPACE PROGRAM?

All students at the Keller Early Learning Centers would participate. The students meet specific qualifications to attend school.

Students in Prekindergarten meet one or more of the following: 1. Eligible for reduced or free lunch; 2. Are English Language Learners; 3. Have been under the conservatorship of DFPS; 4. Have an active military parent, or 5. Are homeless.

Students in the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities can have a variety of developmental delays.

If you build it,  
they will come and if  
you let them build it,  
they will learn.

## WHY MAKERSPACE?

This is an ELC initiative because it allows our at-risk students with an opportunity to create. The informal, playful atmosphere allows learning to unfold, rather than conform to a rigid agenda. It gives