



ROOSEVELT ISLAND THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS CHILDREN

Dear parents,

Roosevelt Island Explorers (RiEx) are inviting your child/children to be part of an exciting community project.

We all know that Roosevelt Island is one of the best communities in NYC to raise children. We'd like to hear from children themselves what they love about their beloved Island. We are passing out hundreds of packages like this to the Island families. Our intent is to use the words, ideas, and artwork that we receive back to create a large children's community art project called **Roosevelt Island Through the Eyes of Its Children**. Once we receive the children's responses, we will invite you and your child to participate in workshops to create this special project. Ultimately, we hope to share our work with the greater Roosevelt Island community. Every step of this initiative is meant to draw attention to children's extraordinary capacities and to facilitate community bonding.

Here's how it works:

- Please ask your child/children questions like: What do you love about the island? What's your favorite thing about the island? What do you love to do on the island? Where do you like to explore on the island? Where is your favorite place to play?
- Depending on the age of your child/children, record their words (there may be one or many) or ask them to write their thoughts and ideas. They can also draw or paint...whatever they are motivated to do to express their thoughts on the subject. Let them use whatever materials they choose. There are no right or wrong answers or approaches. Use the back of this letter or your own paper and materials.
- Return your child/children's work in the attached self-addressed envelope or any envelope of your choice to 455 Main Street - look for a special box with the RiEx logo in the lobby.

PLEASE HAND EVERYTHING IN BY OCTOBER 12th!

- Please include the form below with your child's first name and your contact information so we can send you an invitation to our workshops and take this project to the next stage.

What is RiEx?

Roosevelt Island Explorers is an Island-based organization that follows the Reggio Emilia educational approach offering activities for children and their families. We believe in children's innate urge to know and their extraordinary abilities to figure out the world around them. What they need in this pursuit is a safe, stimuli-rich environment and a strong community – **what better place than Roosevelt Island!**

For more visit <http://explorers-ri.org/>

Parents name (s): _____

Parent email and/or phone number:

Child/Children's name (s) and age (s): _____
