

# The Rubicon Academy

The Rubicon is the ancient name of a stream in central Italy that flowed into the Adriatic Sea. In the 1st century BC, the Rubicon River formed the boundary between Italy and the Roman province of Cisalpine Gaul. In 49 BC Julius Caesar made his famous crossing. As the Roman Senate had forbidden him to enter Italy with an army, this action initiated civil war between his forces and those of Pompey the Great. The phrase "**to cross the Rubicon**" has come to mean the taking of a step to which one is definitely committed.

**We are committed to providing a challenging and enjoyable learning experience for those families who believe that character and academic accomplishment are vital to success.**

## The Aims of Education

- To nurture each child's natural curiosity
- To provide a broad base of knowledge
- To motivate students to learn and to create a strong desire to learn more
- To provide the knowledge necessary for higher levels of learning
- To teach the student how to think and solve problems
- To enable the student to become a useful and productive member of society

## Curriculum

At the elementary level the curriculum is the foundation for all future learning. Expectations are high and excellence is the goal for The Rubicon Academy's bright and talented students. This is possible with discipline and order tempered by warmth, understanding, and a concern for each child.

The Rubicon Academy offers 4 to 13 year olds the opportunity:

- To acquire a solid grounding in basic skills, paced according to the child's needs
- To develop through interdisciplinary study the ability to relate the world in which the child lives to the world of books and ideas
- To think logically and creatively and to use the special talents each child possesses

In groups of 2 to 12 students, each child will receive instruction tailored to his/her particular needs. In addition, children will travel to museums, art galleries, and work places; in short, to any place where actual experience will enhance classroom learning.

## Daily Spanish

Children communicate, sing, learn to read and write, and become involved in many facets of the Spanish culture.

## Daily Fine Arts Instruction

The Rubicon Academy has an outstanding music and visual arts program. All children will receive instrument instruction, music theory, music history, art history, style, and form.

## Computers

Word processing, desktop publishing, multimedia, graphics, and telecommunications are taught in correlation with classroom topics of study.

## Dress Code

All students are required to wear The Rubicon Academy attire. Uniforms are supplied through Sue Mills, Inc.

## Reporting Periods

Report cards will be issued once every nine weeks. Children's progress in each subject area will be discussed in a conference or written narrative throughout the year.