AWARDS & Recognitions

• Ranked TOP TEN PERCENT of all Public and Charter Schools in the State of Florida
• Florida School Recognition Award
• Superintendent’s Platinum Award
• Golden Apple Award
• Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners Commendation for numerous achievements and academic services
• United Way Recognition Award
• Fairchild Challenge Award
• Fairchild School of Excellence Award
• Proclamation from the City of Miami
• Proclamation from Miami-Dade County
• Creative Visions Award Winners
• The Education Trust’s Dispelling the Myth Award

Dr. Carlos J. Finlay

Born in Cuba and educated in Europe and the United States, Dr. Finlay discovered that the common household mosquito, the Aedes Aegypti, transmitted yellow fever. His findings saved thousands of lives.

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Assistant Principal

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Simply the Best!
¡Simplemente los Mejores!
Established in the year 2000, our school is a Title I, Dual Language, and Professional Development School in collaboration with Florida International University (FIU), serving students in Pre-K through fifth grade. We offer a child-centered, quality educational experience within a small school setting. We are proud of our highly qualified staff, with 72% earning advanced degrees as well as ten National Board Certified Teachers.

Our bilingual curriculum is designed to offer every child enrolled the opportunity to simultaneously learn Spanish and English. Sixty percent of the instructional day is taught in English and forty percent is taught in Spanish. Students are challenged through project-based instruction, vocabulary development, literature connections with an emphasis on content knowledge, research, and critical and analytical thinking.

- Pre-K Programs
  - Head Start
  - VPK
- Extended Learning Day Tutorials
- Gifted

Innovation @ work!
- STEAM
- Edible Garden Initiative
- Fairchild Challenge
- Green Schools Challenge

Dual Language Program

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Enrichment Resources
- State of the Art Computer Labs, reinforce skills and connect concepts taught in the classroom.
- Educational Software such as i-Ready, Imagine Learning, Accelerated Reader, Waterford, and Discovery Learning.
- State of the Art Media Center with resources for teachers, students, parents, and our community.
- State of the Art Classrooms equipped with Promethean Boards, computers, and mobile laptop carts.
- State of the Art Science Lab provides students with hands-on learning experiences as they integrate the scientific process.

Clubs/Activities
- Art Club
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Exploring Computer Science with code.org
- Finlay Singers
- Future Educators of America (FEA)
- Green Team
- Young Readers