Citizens of the World: LA to NY to KC

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As executive director of Citizens of the World Kansas City (CWC Kansas City), I'm thrilled to welcome our first class of kindergartners and first graders to our new campus at 3436 Broadway. With schools in both Los Angeles and New York City, Citizens of the World schools are in demand due to their strong academic performance: on the last state achievement test, all three Citizens of the World Los Angeles schools outperformed schools across California in both English Language Arts and Math. Now, because local parents led an effort to bring a high-performing, diverse neighborhood school to Midtown, Citizens of the World has worked with those parents to expand its model to Kansas City.

At CWC schools, we strive to provide an excellent public education focused on developing and demonstrating understanding while building connections within a diverse community. What does this mean for Kansas City? An important high-quality school option for our students.

At CWC Kansas City, our instructional approach focuses on bringing together children from a community that are culturally, racially and socioeconomically diverse – and recognizing that our differences make us stronger! Our curriculum is not only academically challenging. It supports children's social and emotional growth and creates a joyous learning environment full of interaction and engagement.

Within the classroom, children take part in learning that brings reading, math, science and social studies together. Teachers guide students to ask questions, observe the world and create real-world projects that serve their community and support their learning.

We design our school day keeping in mind the ages and needs of our growing students. Children have opportunities throughout the day to stand, sit, move, explore manipulatives, work together with classmates and run and play. Classroom centers engage young children with pretend play materials and building blocks to support their inquiry and learning. Children take part in art, music, library and physical education, as well as recess every day!

There are still openings for the upcoming school year and I welcome parents and community members in Kansas City interested in enrolling their child or learning more about our educational model to reach out to me or visit http://www.kauffman.org/blogs/edinsight/2018/6/citizens-of-the-world-la-to-ny-to-kc
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