



## The O'Gorman Garden

A Montessori Program in Harlem

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### O'Gorman Garden Stories

#### **Meet Ethan and Ella**

Ethan and his little sister, Ella, have been a part of The O'Gorman Garden family since Ethan started school in the fall of 2009. Ethan is now in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, enrolled at St. Bernard's School, and doing very well. Ella is currently enrolled in elementary school at The Chapin School.

Ethan's and Ella's mother shared her thoughts about how the family came to The O'Gorman Garden, "I was applying for preschool and looking all over the city. The Head of Barnard College's Toddler Center told me about The O'Gorman Garden. I met with Ned, and right away, he made a strong impression on me. He was very charismatic and seemed devoted to the children.

Ultimately, we chose the school because of its intimate size, strong sense of community, diverse activities, and Montessori approach. We were also very drawn to the outdoor garden and the quality, age, and high professionalism of the teachers. I also value the community approach to meal preparation – families take turns cooking for the children, so all their meals are home-cooked and diverse in flavor. It is very unique and special. "

Ethan's fondest memories of The O'Gorman Garden include writing, illustrating, and assembling his own children's books and taking field trips to Wave Hill in the Bronx. His mother reports that Ethan left The O'Gorman Garden with confidence and the knowledge he needed to succeed in Kindergarten.



Ella was an eager learner and excited to come to The O'Gorman Garden every day. And she is now flourishing at The Chapin School.

We enjoy watching both Ethan and Ella progress as intelligent, thoughtful, and curious children.