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Roosevelt Early Learning Center

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El Centro de la Raza's new Roosevelt Early Learning Center opened this fall on the ground floor of Cedar Crossing, a mixed-use building next to the Roosevelt Link Light Rail station.

The 6,470-square foot, four-classroom center is a part of the resident services for the building's affordable housing units.

Daylight-filled classrooms are organized around a central spine that connects a secure entry vestibule at the north sidewalk to the elevated outdoor play area on the opposite side of the building. Two interior gathering spaces provide extra elbow room and an opportunity to include culturally appropriate identity elements at classroom entries.

The architecture creates a clean, muted backdrop to help organize the variety of educational materials and children's projects in a rainbow of colors, shapes and textures. Administrative spaces are designed to allow staff to easily monitor public spaces. The design also includes a full commercial kitchen.

Development team: El Centro de la Raza, Bellwether Housing and Mercy Housing NW

Architect: CAST architecture

General contractor: Walsh Construction Co.



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