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Development in **S**chools



E.E.E.E.K. in Kalamata

school for children with special needs

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Messínia and Kalamata



Messinia,

the place that

Euripides

used to call “fruitful”
due to its fertile land,

is situated at

the west end of the
Greek mainland



It was inhabited at a very early stage, which explains the amazing number of antiquities from several different time periods.



Finikounta

Messinia, surrounded by 140 kilometres of coastline, beautiful beaches, gulfs and scenic ports from the Messinian Bay to the Ionian Sea, is open to visitors all year long



In its heart stands the mountain Taigetos with its wild beauty, pine tree and fir forests, rare plants, peaks, canyons, creeks and scenic villages, all united forming a breathtaking landscape

Kalamata

is the capital of the prefecture of Messinia and the second biggest city of Peloponnesus





It is situated in the heart of the Messinian Bay, at the feet of Taygetos Mountain, where the ancient city of Farai, first mentioned by Homer, used to stand



In 1209 it was designated as the seat of the barony. The Franks possessed it until 1831, followed by the Turks and then the Venetians

Finally, on 23 March 1821, the people of Mani, under the leadership of Petrompeis Mavromihalis, liberated it.

After liberation Kalamata evolved to an important exportation centre of raisin and olive oil thanks to its port experiencing great financial and social blossom





Nowadays, it is a modern city full of life in summer and winter, maintaining the charm of old times by combining modern and beautiful neoclassical buildings.



This is our school

The initials declare that we offer Professional Education and Training in Children with Special Needs.

We love to hate our school building and we cannot wait to move to a brand new, more adequate and bigger one that is almost ready!



School's curriculum

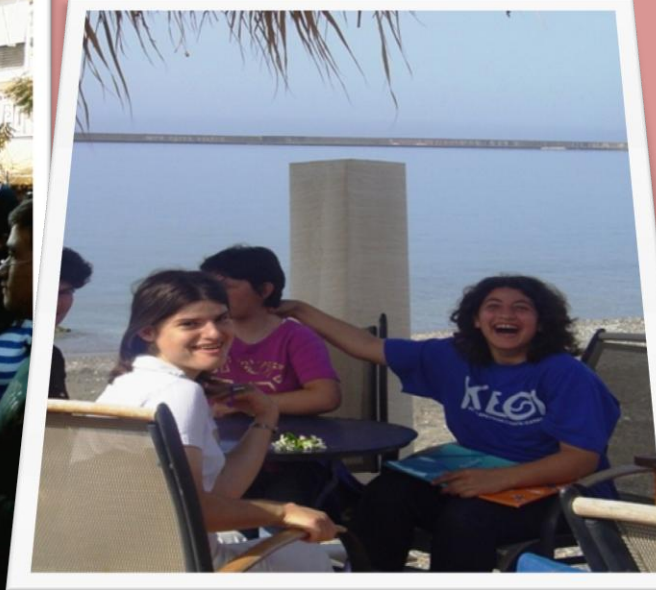


E.E.E.E.K. is a school where students learn to

- ❖ Read
- ❖ Write
- ❖ Understand simple, everyday math
- ❖ Comprehend ideas like "country", "history", "city", "civilian", "democracy", "world"
- ❖ Operate the computer
- ❖ Express their feelings through music, painting and drama

But most importantly...





They are also taught to

- Interact with the outside world
- and
- Master the basic skills to living independently



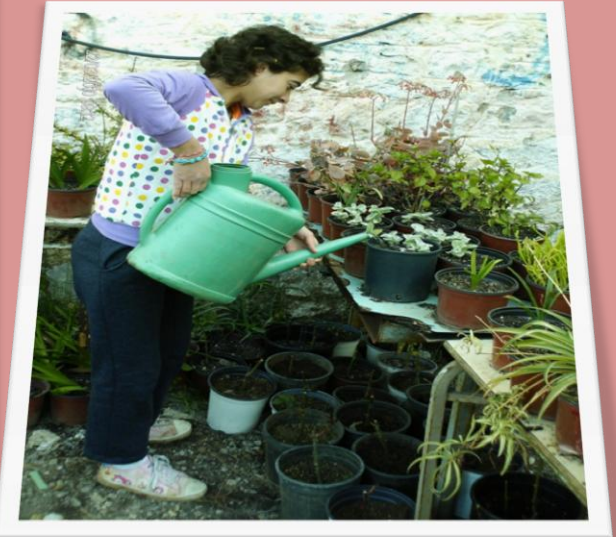


A big part of their daily schedule is spent to improve their

- ✓ Kinesiology
- ✓ Speech
- ✓ Help them deal with their emotional, family or social problems

We are always in need of:

- ✓ Speech therapists
- ✓ Physiotherapists
- ✓ Psychologists
- ✓ Social workers
- ✓ Occupational therapists
- ✓ School nurses
- ✓ Specially trained staff



One major subject,
that almost
any capable student
is participating in,
is
Agriculture







They also learn to cook in **Cooking class** with great results so far!

And to take care of themselves and other necessary domestic activities in **Living Independently Class**





Crafts, Painting and Pottery classes
are important and very appealing to the students
because
they manage to accomplish things and feel very proud
of themselves!







We even organize a **Bazaar** each year to show and sell the children's creations!

The money from the sales goes towards the school's big annual excursion!

Fun!!





The happy hours



Our children like to
dance

so

there is always some
dancing around...

In between classes...

During the famous
school parties...

In formal celebrations...

Last day of school



Halloween



National celebration



School play



*The School's Annual Athletics Event:
our own Special Olympics*

Warming up

100 m.



Men medal ceremony



Women medal ceremony





The students









The teachers







I am the child

...I am the disabled child. I am your teacher

If you allow me, I will teach you what is really important in life.

I will give you and teach you unconditional love.

I gift you with my innocent trust, my dependency upon you.

I teach you about how precious this life is and about not taking things for granted.

I teach you about forgetting your own needs and desires and dreams.

I teach you giving.

Most of all I teach you hope and faith.

I am the disabled child...

A song written for children
with disabilities



Thank you
for visiting!!