Froebel: The Father of Kindergarten

He established the first kindergarten in 1837. It was located in Blankenburg, Germany. He called it the “Universal German Educational Institute.”

“Man is a creative being!”

Froebel’s kindergarten was rooted around three key principles: 1.) sensory learning, 2.) symbolization, and 3.) self-activity or play.

He “believed children’s intellectual, moral, and spiritual development were all dependent on their relationships with nature” (Strauch-Nelson, 2012, p. 35).

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