

Early Learning Center

The Early Learning Center offers an enriched, child centered program, focused on meeting the developmental needs of the whole child. Through intertwining strands from three of the best early childhood learning approaches, we weave the philosophies of Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and Waldorf education into the richly textured tapestry of our classroom community. The Montessori influence provides a context of natural progression from concrete to abstract concepts, Reggio Emilia influences our spirit of curiosity and inquiry, while the Waldorf approach nourishes and celebrates our creativity. ELC students are immersed in opportunities to develop social skills and awareness, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking which lay the foundation for academic learning.

Young children grow and learn at their own pace, through exploring and experimenting in the world. The integrated curriculum in the Early Learning Center is flexible, one in which children are welcome to wonder, question, interact, describe and understand their world. We seek to build a foundation for life-long learning that is dynamic, experiential and joyful!

Areas of focus include:

- **Development of Socialization Skills**
- **Problem solving**
- **Respectful Conflict Resolution**
- **Integrated Creative Arts**
- **Large and Fine Motor Coordination**
- **Inquiry Based Discovery**
- **Development of Independence**
- **Spoken Communication**
- **Literacy Development**
- **Mathematical Reasoning**
- **Emergent Science**
- **Cultural Awareness and Appreciation**
- **Community Service**
- **Learning in an Enriched Environment**