

### C HARACTER VALUES EDUCATION

Our comprehensive curriculum focuses not only on intellectual development, but also on healthy social and emotional growth through systematic character values education.

# Active engagement

Activities are designed to promote active learning through a "hands on" approach that allows children to explore the world in which they live.

### Research-centered practice

Learning activities are grounded both in time-honored practice, such as learning through play, as well as in current research findings in the field of neuro-education. "Brain-based" learning strategies, for example, reveal that memory and creativity are enhanced by music, movement, and artistic expression.

## EMBEDDED CONTENT

Our fully-integrated curriculum is characterized by thematic units which combine the key skills of reading and mathematics with learning in the content areas of science and social studies.

#### S TANDARDS-BASED OBJECTIVES

Every learning activity is carefully planned to meet or exceed both national and state standards.

#### **Mission Statement**

Our goal is to nurture the development of each child's full potential—intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically—in an atmosphere of safety and trust.

#### **Core Values**

- We believe that each child is an individual, with his or her own unique set of strengths, talents, and gifts.
- ♦ We believe that every child has a right to excellence in all aspects of early childhood education.
- ◆ We believe in the importance of teaching character values, and more important, in modeling their use in our interactions with children, their families, and one another.
- ◆ We believe in the use of positive discipline strategies that lead children to become self-disciplined.
- ♦ We believe that honest and frequent communication between the school and the home positively impacts children's success.
- ◆ We believe in the importance of continuing professional development and personal growth through educational opportunities and supportive communities learning.
- We believe that every teacher and staff member can make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

