

ROOTS & WINGS CHILD DEVELOPMENT

POSITION STATEMENT

EDUCATION AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Knowing that young children are uniquely different in the way they learn, take in and process information, it is the responsibility of every early childhood professional and every early childhood program to develop their curriculum and classroom environment based on that understanding. Political trends and educational fads that use unproven methods and inappropriate assessments that push children into academics before they are developmentally and intellectually prepared have no place in early childhood settings.

The philosophy of Roots & Wings Child Development is simple and uses good judgment that integrates research in brain development, child development and human development. Our philosophy recognizes that development varies from child to child, and is wide-ranging based on age, gender, life-experiences, and family culture.

Our goals for ourselves as teachers is to create a school environment that supports each child as they learn who they are, what they can become, and help them discover truth and knowledge. As we grow and develop these qualities we can then become valuable contributors to our communities.

Children are born with a tremendous sense of wonder and curiosity. This wonder and curiosity motivates children to learn more and more over time. It is essential that they have **appropriate experiences with adult support**.

Children are ego-centric which means that they simply cannot see another's point of view. This does not mean they are selfish. It is a necessary stage in which the young child must first learn to understand and value themselves first before they can do the same for the rest of the human family and the environment. They must have many opportunities to connect and interact with others and well as the environment.

Therefore, Roots & Wings Community Preschool supports young children and the foundation to all learning which is:

WONDER, DISCOVERY AND CONNECTIONS

The classroom and outdoor environment at Roots & Wings is rich in opportunities for children to interact, build connections and awareness in Art, Science, Literacy, Numeric Understanding, Social Experiences, and Appreciation for Nature, Language Development, Music and Movement, using what children already do and know best...PLAY. Visit our school to see how, when given the freedom to explore and wonder, children uncover knowledge in a carefully planned environment.

Roots & Wings Child Development respects families as a child's first teacher and encourages your involvement. There is a multitude of ways that you may assist inside and outside the classroom. We are non-profit and need everyone's help. Your participation in your child's education is of even greater importance than we can ever express. It carries over into their entire school career and adult life. We offer information and workshops that we hope will assist you along the way.

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