

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that families and communities are children's first educators. When we work in partnership, children develop a sense of *belonging* to the Westport community. We build positive relationships by creating a warm and nurturing atmosphere that is responsive to and respectful of all children. We acknowledge the diverse cultural backgrounds that children come with and incorporate these into our everyday learning to promote inclusivity and respect for one another.

Children are experts at *being* in the moment. Play is a pathway for children to be fully immersed in what they are exploring. We provide inviting indoor and outdoor learning environments that promote children's playful exploration and a sense of wonder. Educators observe children's strengths, interests and developmental needs to facilitate high-quality play-based learning.

Becoming reflects the significant process of change that occurs during the preschool year as children learn and grow. Children are competent and capable learners who come to us with their own experiences and ideas about the world. We encourage children to make real-world connections through hands-on experiences, collaboration and high-level questioning. Our aim is to instill a lifelong love of learning that will continue throughout their education.

AIM HIGH • WORK HARD • BE KIND • NO EXCUSES