

We believe our program needs to offer imaginative play and free choices to children. We understand children learn most effectively through play and provide an environment and interactions which provide guidance and stimulation children require to allow them to make choices in activities and permit them to actively explore, engage, and experience the world around them. Children are given opportunities to make decisions on how to spend their leisure time while respecting the environment, adults, and children of the center simultaneously. Activities planned are focused around children's interests and curiosity.

We believe that children's emotions are real and legitimate and that they can learn appropriate ways to express their feelings.

We realize that each child is an individual with his or her own characteristics and that we must relate to them accordingly.

We recognize that children experience their world at their own level. We support them by accepting each child for their uniqueness and we strive to challenge children's interests, abilities, and talents. Each child's uniqueness and individuality is respected. Children are encouraged to explore new experiences knowing that they are positively supported and encouraged in the growing process which occurs.

We understand the growing importance of peers and the need for an atmosphere that encourages the development and building of friendships.

We recognize and encourage children's developing sense of responsibility and support this development by exposing children to experiences in making choices, supporting children in making appropriate choices, giving children opportunities to exercise independence and self-care, grow in the area of developing self-regulatory skills, and encouragement to respect the community and society in which we live, all in a trusted, supportive environment.

We define children as competent learners and recognize they learn best when they feel good about themselves and are confident in their capabilities. We strive to provide an atmosphere which is safe, responsive, and one which encourages acceptance and kindness, giving children the opportunity to flourish to their fullest potential.

We believe in our staff as a “team” working together towards providing quality child care for the children and families which comes to our child care center. Our focus is primarily on creating and maintaining an environment which is kept sanitized and clean, and protects the health and physical safety of children, staff, and parents of the center.

Adult/child, adult/parent, and adult/staff interactions which are positive and warm reflecting patience and understanding for individual uniqueness fostering an atmosphere which is psychologically safe, respectful, healthy and supports the well being of everyone. We offer our staff several opportunities for continuing their education through posting information about classes and workshop possibilities. We do our best to support their efforts and achievements in their professional development in the area of Early Childhood Education.

We believe in building partnerships with parents in order to foster social and emotional growth of the children. We provide an “open door” policy where parents are welcome to stop in and observe the program at any time. Parents and staff are strongly encouraged to engage in professional clear communications with each other regarding children’s over all well- being at the center. Mutual respect and openness between parents and staff enhances the quality of our program.

Goals

At Creative Corners we aim to:

Provide an atmosphere where children feel safe, calm and respected;

Offer a variety of activities that promote positive choices;

Teach the children to help each other, to help the group as a whole, and to be tolerant of differences and diversity;

Discourage aggressive play by not allowing toy weapons or violent games;

Be consistent in our rules and expectations so that children are treated fairly and taught to respect other people;

Work with the children to find appropriate ways for them to express their feelings and channel their energy;

Provide opportunities to build friendships based on common interests and mutual respect by encouraging co-operation and sharing;

Give children the power to make choices each day so that they may practice making decisions in a safe place;

Communicate regularly to the parents through daily conversations and regular newsletters.