

Philosophy of Kids 'R' Kids Curriculum

Kids 'R' Kids Curriculum is based on the latest research regarding social - emotional development, how children think and learn, and on the principles of physical development as well as cultural influences. We feel that the love and enjoyment of children is the primary vehicle for successful implementation.

Through the Kids 'R' Kids Curriculum, children's social-emotional development is enhanced in the following ways:

- **Children develop a sense of trust when teachers:**
 - Follow a consistent schedule
 - Follow through on announced plans
 - Make positive contact with each child during the day
 - Make positive comments about children's activities
- **Children develop a sense of competence when teachers:**
 - Value their play activities
 - Provide them with developmentally appropriate materials to use
 - Give them materials that support and challenge their abilities
 - Praise their efforts
 - Help them resolve conflicts
 - Encourage them to complete tasks
- **Children develop a sense of initiative when teachers:**
 - Provide them with ample opportunities for creative expression
 - Allow them to explore the environment
 - Allow them to be messy during play
 - Encourage pretend play
 - Permit them to work independently
 - Encourage problem solving and risk taking

Children learn best through play. Children learn by doing. The Kids 'R' Kids Curriculum is based on this philosophy and uses the environment – the classrooms, the outdoors, the furniture, the equipment, and the people – as the foundation for children's learning. Children's needs and interests are taken into consideration when planning themes and activities.

A teacher's role is to create an environment that invites children to observe, to be active, to make choices, and to experiment. Kids 'R' Kids wants children to be successful learners now and in the future. The Kids 'R' Kids Curriculum encourages children to become independent thinkers, problem solvers, team players, and responsible citizens.