

# C&K Palm Beach Community Kindergarten



## Philosophy Statement

As early childhood educators, our approach to working with children, families, staff and communities is driven by a desire to create a warm, welcoming, inclusive environment where there is a strong sense of **belonging**. We therefore place great importance on **building relationships** that are caring, open, collaborative, respectful and supportive.

At the heart of our teaching philosophy is a commitment to **understanding and connecting with children** as individuals, and as loved members of a family, and using this knowledge to provide an **enriching, meaningful and engaging program**. We will value the uniqueness and individuality of each child and family.

We aim to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment **where children thrive** and where their ideas, interests and questions are explored, valued and responded to. We want **children to feel empowered** to experiment, explore, hypothesise, take risks, create, imagine and wonder.

Our learning community will provide an environment **rich in experiences where nature and natural beauty are respected and admired**.

We are passionate about the **importance and power of play**. We see children as inquisitive, active learners and we understand play is the ideal vehicle for fostering **an inquiry approach to learning**. As educators, we will provide children with ample time, space and quality resources to support and enhance their learning.

We want children to feel a sense of ownership where **their 'voice', their culture, their identity and their experiences are represented and reflected** in the Kindergarten. We will offer children new learning experiences and develop new skills whilst enabling them to make choices, to develop their independence and to feel a sense of achievement.

Children's diverse ways of expressing themselves, their ideas and theories about their world will be celebrated. We will document this and share it with families in meaningful ways.

Our approach to teaching sees the **child's family as an integral part** of a quality early childhood program. We welcome and encourage families to be actively involved in our community by offering ideas and sharing information about their skills and experiences.

As a teaching team, we will make an **ongoing commitment to reflective practice** and strive to achieve improvement in our practices through reflection, evaluation and collaboration with all members of our 'learning community'.

Our community will share with parents the vital role of caring for and educating their children with a partnership built on **trust, mutual respect, shared goals** for their child, and open and honest communication. We want children to see themselves as capable and competent, and able to embrace the challenges, and the joy, of life and learning.

**We warmly welcome families into the C&K Palm Beach Community Kindergarten and we look forward to a rewarding and enriching experience with you and your child.**