

Luxemburg-Casco 4K Curriculum and Philosophy



Luxemburg-Casco Early Learning Guiding Principles We Believe...



- Children benefit from a variety of learning experiences that meet their individual needs.
- Children benefit from a safe, consistent, child-centered environment in which to play, learn and grow.
- Children benefit from positive relationships to build feelings of success, security, love and belonging.



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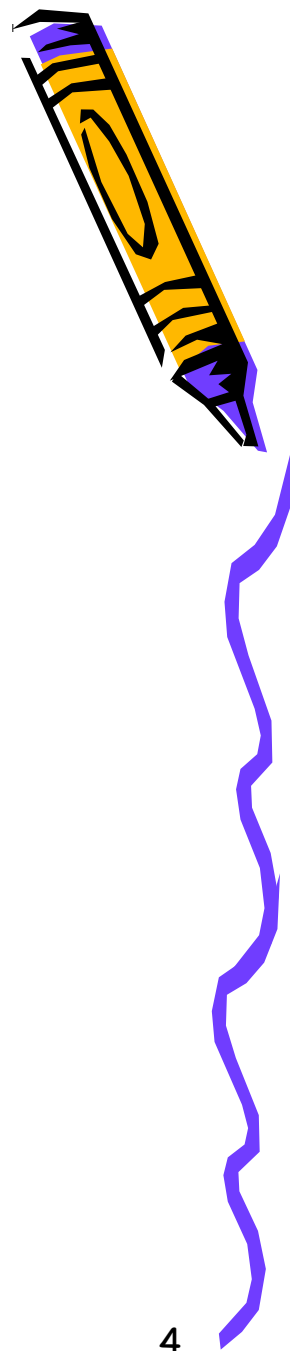


- In recognizing, valuing and accepting similarities and differences in ourselves and others.
- Children and families need support and access to resources to be happy, healthy and successful.
- That home, school and community need to partner together to support children and families.



4K Curriculum and Instruction Philosophy

- Play-Based, developmentally appropriate learning environment.
- Explorative learning experiences.
- Guided learning for each child at his/her own level.
- Develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.



Play-Based Learning

- ★ Children learn best when something is meaningful to them. Four year olds learn by using their five senses. They need to touch, see, smell, hear and taste. Hands on experiences will be a part of the curriculum instead of paper/pencil activities.
- ★ In a play-based program, structure exists and lessons are carried out through play activities that are rooted in basic social skills like sharing, taking turns, self-control and making friends.



Play-Based Learning



- ★ There are times set up during their day for large and small group activities, structured center time and supervised free play.

- ★ Play-Based Learning activities are not chaotic, wild, running, screaming activities.
 - Play is a time for deep concentration.
 - Play is a language time.
 - Play is a memory time, planning time and investigating time.



Play-Based Learning Examples



- When children play with blocks making buildings, houses, cars, bridges, etc.....
 - ◆ They are learning spatial relationships - learning to judge distance, space and size.
 - Understanding spatial relationships help children to succeed in math and science.

- When children choose whatever they wish to do with art materials...

- ◆ They are learning to make choices, to try out ideas, to plan and experiment.

- Children who are independent learners and who can try out their own ideas are better learners in all school subjects.

