



# WE LOVE TO PLAY!

## philosophy

We provide environments and experiences that engage children in active, creative, and meaningful exploration, play, and inquiry. At the heart of this, is our child-centred and play-based pedagogy. We believe play is essential to the development and well being of every child, and we have built our curriculum on this very philosophy.

Through play, children learn and develop physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally. Through play, children begin to create, solve problems, self-regulate, and make sense of the world. Through social play, children are supported as they learn to recognize the varied capabilities and characteristics of other children, they learn to get along with others; to negotiate, collaborate, and communicate; and to care for others. Through play children develop the capacity for increasingly complex communication as they express themselves creatively with their bodies, materials, and words.

At KVA, we strongly believe children's play is the very foundation of learning, which is why all of our programming is hands-on and developmentally appropriate.

## goal

Our goal is to offer an early learning program that supports children's growing sense of self. Children are valued for their individuality and unique contributions to our community – they are given regular opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways. We provide a fun, safe and nurturing environment that invites children to investigate, imagine, think, create, solve problems, and make meaning from their experiences. Our educators carefully observe and interact with children, following their lead, in order to design quality programming and environments that authentically extend each child's learning and development.

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