

BOWMONT COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Philosophy and Approach to Learning

At Bowmont Community Preschool, we believe that children are strong, capable and mighty learners. We are passionate about igniting the love of learning in children, educators and families. We acknowledge that every child and family are unique and deserve the opportunity to be heard and feel they belong.

We value family and community and believe that educators, children and families are co-learners, co-researchers and co-constructors in children's learning and overall development. We take pride in providing a safe, nurturing environment where children are seen as important and contributing members of the community. Our program reflects play experiences and activities that enhance development of the whole child.

We foster self-esteem through teaching self-regulation and social thinking strategies as well as promoting independence within our program. Our environment is considered the third teacher in our curriculum approach by supporting, inviting and engaging the children's curiosities and interests.

We look to the wonder of the child to lead us on the journey of learning through our inquiry-based curriculum that is guided by the values of flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework.

flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework **Values for Early Childhood Communities**

- Democratic citizenship and equity
- Intercultural competence and communication
- Environmental sustainability

flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework **Values for Early Learning Processes**

- Active engagement and participation
- Meaning making and co-constructing knowledge
- Play and playfulness
- Creativity and imagination
- Multimodal literacies
- Interconnectedness of ideas
- Reciprocity of relationships
- Diverse perspectives for learning
- Inclusiveness