

Y Kindergarten

Cluster Management

T L Stone Memorial Kindergarten

Philosophy Statement

What do we want to achieve?

What will success look like?

What activities will encourage success?

<p>1. A place that is known for having a welcoming, warm and caring environment.</p>	<p>Parents, friends and carers are positive in any feedback.</p> <p>Children will feel supported, happy and relaxed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are warm and welcoming to all families. • Staff will foster a caring and nurturing environment. • Staff are diligent in listening to all families and showing support and encouragement to these families. • Staff develop caring relationships where children know they can seek comfort or spend time when needed.
<p>2. A place that is respectful and inclusive to all families.</p>	<p>Staff are friendly, have time for every family and are non-judgmental.</p> <p>Staff are able to act on parents' ideas and input in an effective way.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All interactions with families are respectful and supportive. • Children are encouraged to respect and value each other regardless of differences. • Children are encouraged to share their unique gifts and interests. • Parents are encouraged to share ideas for the kindergarten and the program. • Communication between staff and families is positive and frequent and all-inclusive. (Transmission is varied. Through children's folios, newsletters, informal chats, surveys, slideshows on the computer, program and photos etc.). • Opportunities are available for comments. • Staff view comments as a vehicle to improvement.

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<p>3. The play-based program will provide interesting, engaging and challenging activities that will also reflect the children's needs.</p>	<p>The children will be enthusiastic, engaged and motivated to participate.</p> <p>The children will want to imagine, explore and discover.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is developed around observations of the children's play and understandings of early childhood development and philosophy. • The experiences provided are a balance of indoor and outdoor play, individual and small group activities, and child initiated and teacher led activities.
<p>4. A place that provides an environment that is safe, secure and inviting with an emphasis on nature.</p>	<p>Children have a positive view of their kindergarten.</p> <p>The children feel safe and comfortable at kindergarten.</p> <p>Staff will set up the play spaces in a safe but inviting way.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to check all activities and areas for safety issues and run regular maintenance checks on equipment. • Staff to include natural materials where possible (both indoors and outdoors) and encourage responsibility and respect for the environment.