



The Acorn Tree Early Childhood Centre is a full day, licensed group program for children 2.5 to 6 years of age, offering a nature based, play based, enriched preschool curriculum.

At **THE ACORN TREE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE**, children and families are celebrated, honoured and empowered. Our program focuses on building strong, positive, thoughtful and caring relationships. Our curriculum is based upon a deep respect for nature and our environment, for ourselves, our families, our friends, our community, for education, and for our unlimited potential and opportunities. We advocate compassionate relationship building & a lifelong love of learning. We offer inspired, inclusive, & enriched developmentally appropriate activities to nurture each child's early physical, cognitive, emotional, social & moral growth.

The Acorn Tree is inspired by, and creates an emergent preschool learning curriculum based upon a fusion of three worldly respected, traditional early childhood teaching philosophies:

REGGIO EMILIA

An Italian educational approach created based upon the principles of active curiosity, respect, responsibility, relationship and community building through self-guided exploration, creativity and discovery in a supportive environment. Observation, experimentation, documentation, and interesting ingredients for imaginative play are utilized. Emergent, curiosity driven, child initiated, hands-on learning.

“Children are endowed with a hundred languages through which they can express their ideas” - Loris Malaguzzi

WALDORF

An early childhood philosophy which began in Germany; focusing on strengthening a child's affinity with the natural world; based upon the importance of nature, movement, fantasy and play. It nourishes and protects a child's inborn sense of awe, wonder, play and imagination.

“Accept the child with reverence, educate them with love, send them forth in freedom.” - Rudolf Steiner

MONTESSORI

A practical educational style that began in Italy, which encourages a child's innate desire to learn. This early academic curriculum respects the intelligence and individuality of each child; allowing them the freedom to explore and express themselves in their own way, at their own pace, while being supported and challenged. The child develops intellectual curiosity, confidence, independence, self-respect, and respect for the world around them.

“A child's work is to create the person she will become... We are helping the child to help themselves” – Maria Montessori

The Acorn Tree Early Childhood Centre is open Monday to Friday, September to July.

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