

## **Core Values**

**Nurturing Growth**: We cultivate each child's unique potential with patience and love, fostering their holistic development.

**Reverence for Nature**: We honor and cherish the natural world and all our plant and animal kin. We encourage children to connect with, fall in love with, and care for the environment through exploration and play.

**Community and Connection**: We build a strong sense of belonging and interdependence by fostering meaningful relationships among children, families, staff, and the natural world, creating a warm and inclusive community.

**Joyful Learning**: We celebrate the wonder of discovery, infusing each day with creativity, curiosity, and playfulness.

**Empathy and Kindness**: We model and teach empathy and kindness, guiding children to understand and respect the feelings of others, and to approach the world with compassion.

**Risk-Taking:** We value risk-taking as a critical part of development and support risk assessment and a child's innate sense of responsibility and care for oneself and others

**Self-Sufficiency:** We encourage independent skill-building and creativity by allowing space for and compassionately witnessing a child waiting, trying, struggling, getting frustrated and finding their own path of accomplishment.

**Rhythm:** Our days unfold in a predictable manner and our routines change with the seasons.