



Philosophy Statement



West Lakes Shore
KINDERGARTEN



We believe in . . .



We Value

- Families as the first educators of children • Wellbeing as being crucial to learning •
- Cultural diversity and inclusivity • The development of powerful and engaged learners •
 - Curiosity and complexity • The benefits of nature play •
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship • The principles of Reggio Emilia schools •
 - Continual staff improvements and professional development •

We Will

- Provide a welcoming, safe and secure environment •
 - Work in partnership with families and community •
- Listen and respect everyone & value the cultural diversity of the families & children who attend our site • Use children's interests to drive the curriculum • Provide long periods of uninterrupted, open ended play opportunities •
 - Use the 'You Can Do It' program to help develop dispositions for learning •
- Encourage children to take responsibility for their own actions and view children as capable and confident • Encourage self regulation •
 - Encourage and support safe risk taking and problem solving •
- Provide meaningful opportunities to connect with the natural environment and embed sustainability into our daily practice •
 - Use the principles of Reggio Emilia schools to inspire our learning spaces •
 - Continually engage in reflective practice •

