



## About Dandelion

Dandelion has been a vibrant part of the community for over 30 years, bringing families together and giving young children a wonderful

introduction to school. At Dandelion, teachers, parents and children collaborate to create a rich learning experience. Together, we encourage children's play, take their thoughts seriously, and support both children's independence and their desire to interact with peers. Together, parents meet and discuss issues and concerns common to families with young children and attend to running the school. Families participating in our co-op form a supportive and enriching community.



## Philosophy and Curriculum

Preschool children are active learners who construct their own knowledge as they interact with materials, peers and adults. At Dandelion, children pursue active learning through group activities and have ample time and space for individual exploration. Dandelion's classroom is open, spacious and comfortable. We have carefully created areas for privacy or group play, and a wide variety of choices are always available including art, manipulatives, dramatic play, blocks, music, science and books. We also have a wonderful outside classroom that has space for large motor activities and contains a flourishing garden.



Dandelion's curriculum provides children with opportunities to interact, problem-solve, talk, listen, create and investigate. At Dandelion, children are free to play in the ways they choose. Some children may dress up, creating a rich fantasy world, while others paint, build a spaceship with blocks, cook muffins or quietly flip through picture books.

Sharing stories, songs and conversations helps the children to actively build a caring community. Play is the quintessential learning activity for children, forming the foundation for literacy, math concepts, physical knowledge and social competence.

## Program

Ages: 2.9 to 5 years old

Hours: Monday through Friday from 9 to 12pm

Extended care: 8:30 till 9am and 12 until 2pm

Ratio: 24 children to 6 adults

## Participation

Parents are involved in the following ways:

- Regular classroom participation
- Monthly evening parent meetings
- Ongoing job
- Two Saturday work parties
- Fundraising events
- Grocery or e-script or both

## Staff

**Abby Pletcher** – Director and Teacher

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