

MADEIRA PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

The educational philosophy of the Madeira Preschool program is based on a **developmental approach** to education.

Programming is planned to meet each child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs as the child passes through **predictable and sequential** stages of development.

Child-directed, teacher-supported **exploration** and learning experiences are designed so that each child can **construct knowledge** at their own developmental level and pace. This constructivist model allows children to become *active participants* in the learning process.

Trust, social interaction, and **play** are seen as the foundations on which children develop problem-solving skills, language, and *self-esteem*.

Families are considered an integral part of the learning experience. They are encouraged to be active participants in their child's educational program.