Welcome to Ute Pass Community Preschool



At Ute Pass Community Preschool, we respect and value each child's uniqueness. All children develop at varying rates and have distinct interests, talents, and ways of learning. We appreciate this and see it as a way to enhance our learning from one another and begin to understand the diverse world around us. We practice kindness, compassion, and empathy.

We focus on hands-on learning, building on children's natural sense of curiosity, in which children are encouraged to explore, discover, and use their imaginations. Cooperative learning, problem-solving, and communication/language skills are facilitated in a caring community environment.

We read fabulous literature each and every day as well as experiment with math, science, and nature, which is all around us! Our goal is to instill in each child a lifelong love for learning.

All children build understanding and meaning through active participation in their environment. Our preschool provides a wide variety of materials and opportunities to encourage children to creatively explore the world and discover how to uniquely express themselves.

Each child learns at his/her own pace and will be respected as an individual. Children will be exposed to developmentally appropriate lessons which nurture beginning skills in reading, writing, and math. Our preschool program provides engaging time in the following areas:

*Circle Time

*Shared Reading & Writing

*Art Activities

*Dramatic Play

*Science & Nature Explorations

*Block Play

*Math/Manipulative Play

*Fine & Gross Motor Activities *Music/Movement Activities



Why 3-4 year old multi-age class?

Learn from and be supported by older peers

Peers motivate and inspire them to higher levels

Benefits to the younger learner

Gain independence

Vygotsky's
"Zone of Proximal Development"

"What a child can do in cooperation today, he can do alone tomorrow."

Deepen own learning by teaching others.

Strengthen capacity
for
empathy, nurturance, and
compassion.

Benefits to the older learner

Increase feelings of competence and confidence.
Safe to take risks.

Develop greater roles in leadership and responsibilty.