

Morningside PlayCare

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Morningside PlayCare is a play-based, multilingual nursery school, with an emphasis on Nature Science and yoga. We immerse children through play and discovery, in Mandarin, Spanish, and English using the 100% language immersion model. Morningside PlayCare serves children 18 mos. to 6 years in a small lab school where we are helping the field develop best practices in Early Childhood language immersion through the Toddler Language Project. Our program is *Reggio*, *Waldorf*, and *Flying Deer*, inspired, emphasizing authentic learning and design opportunities and nature exploration.

Our Mission: Morningside PlayCare cultivates the language genius, open mindedness, and wonder-filled hearts of young children.

Our Philosophy: Since the *work of childhood is play*, we believe young children thrive in nurturing, fun environments with space to create, imagine, play and explore. We believe in the power of nature and human creativity in developing mind and spirit. And, since children are *geniuses* at learning languages, we think they should play, explore, and create in as many languages as they have the capacity to acquire. Our curriculum is spiritually conscious, which means we are comfortable exploring such concepts as respect for all living things, love, gratitude, and mindfulness. We wonder about everything.

Giving children the gift of multilingualism in early childhood and helping them to sustain and acquire habits of mind which support their human development, can change the course of their lives and the world for the greater good.

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