**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Learning Center exists to expose science and math concepts to children in a compassionate and relaxed atmosphere that inspires young peoples curiosity and confidence. The Learning Center operates as a supplemental enrichment opportunity to complement the primary educational plan of each student. The Learning Center is a kid’s space where facilitators create a project-based, integrated learning environment that allows for discovery and child-navigated educational experiences through hands-on experiments.  Our world-view values the recognition and development of emotional intelligence as a significant indicator of future success and will be reflected in the interactions between all staff and students. The Learning Center will use the growing library of STEM-based curriculum to inspire young minds to pursue the study of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and the Arts.

**CORE VALUES:**

* An integrated learning experience involving all the senses and overlapping areas of study to make new concepts easier to learn by building on existing knowledge.
* We gather to learn from each other and to teach each other.
* Facilitators make topics accessible for exploration and experimentation, rather than trying to impart their knowledge onto others.
* Following our curious thoughts leads to deeper and more lasting knowledge.
* We value the many styles of learning. Our goal is to help students identify the styles that work for them to prepare them for a lifetime of learning.
* One-on-one and small group tutoring is a valuable tool at times and we aim to provide those opportunities in a manner consistent with our philosophy.
* The Arts and Design are an integral part of turning scientific, technological, engineering and math knowledge into innovation.
* A Kid’s club environment where students have substantial choice in their activities will allow for self-reinforcing educational growth.
* There is a role for parents and caregivers to participate as facilitators as they and their child see fit.
* We need respect for ourselves and for all others in learning and in life.