

Why Do Families Choose the Optional Program?

- The large school environment is reduced to a small, stable community.
- Teachers, students and parents share a common educational philosophy.
- Parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate. *(required?)*
- Individual needs are met within a group context.
- Discipline problems are minimized due to strong parental involvement.
- Active participation is required so that students are active learners.
- Multi-graded, cross optional activities give opportunities for children to experience a variety of social relationships and cooperative activities.
- Two years with the same teacher reduces "new class stress," and allows for smoother transitions for both parents and children.
- Long term relationships allow teachers to develop strategies for individual student needs.
- The youngling/elder relationship allows all children to experience leadership roles.
- Multi-graded classrooms allow for greater range of skills and abilities.
- The stable classroom community is a foundation for long-term friendships among children and families.
- "Grading" is avoided so that each child's progress is viewed individually.
- The teachers are excellent.
- Academic standards are high.

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