



OAK GROVE SCHOOL

FOUNDED BY J. KRISHNAMURTI

THE ART OF LIVING AND LEARNING
PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN

Dear Parent,

For many families, the Oak Grove journey begins in our Early Childhood Program. Our spacious classrooms and wooded playgrounds are full of open-ended materials that invite creativity and exploration. Teachers skillfully assist the tender separation from parents and caregivers, and build trusting partnerships, allowing your child to feel safe and taken care of at school. Play is the work of early childhood, and we take that seriously. Here, children are heard and respected. Enjoy your exploration of Oak Grove School.

Yours in learning,

Jodi Grass, Head of School



the art of Caring & Relationships

**self • others • local & global communities
environmental stewardship**

Early childhood is a time when heart and a sturdy sense of self are nurtured. We see children as competent, capable beings. We emphasize social-emotional learning, independent self-care, and an integrated anti-bias perspective.

We continually support children's growing capacity to listen to other points of view and to communicate needs, feelings, and ideas. Children develop tools to resolve conflicts independently and peacefully.



"Together. It cannot be done by yourself in a little corner, because you cannot possibly live by yourself; you are in communication with the world, whether it's with one person or a dozen persons, or a thousand persons. Therefore relationship means communication; relationship means building together."

– J. Krishnamurti



the art of Engagement

**attention • self-direction • self-motivation
self-regulation • learning how one learns
examining one's own thinking**

Teachers value the significance and intelligence of what children are doing and almost doing. We nurture the “whole child” through listening, observing without judgment, and asking thoughtful and meaningful questions. Experiences are designed to foster the child’s intrinsic motivation, so that rather than working for rewards, the child finds joy in exploration.





the art of Inquiry

**observation • questioning
fact-finding • research • self-reflection**

Teachers notice children's passions and inclinations, ask open-ended questions, offer achievable challenges, and encourage children to problem-solve and reflect. We nurture children's pretend play, which is essential for learning to socialize with peers and for developing critical thinking skills.

"I know that Oak Grove's Early Childhood Programs have had a deep impact on the future of our children, and when I think of all the families that have been touched over the years and the similar impact these programs have had on their lives, I feel a bit of awe. Oak Grove School is truly changing the world, one family at a time."

– Preschool Parent







the art of Aesthetics

**sensitivity & appreciation of beauty in all forms
finding the artist within • artistic expression**

Children explore beautiful materials in a natural and inspiring environment. We create experiences that arouse curiosity, stimulate questions, stretch muscles, strengthen initiative, encourage creative expression, and provoke meaningful collaboration.



the art of Academia

**knowledge • academic standards
conventions • core subject areas**

Children learn from experience – touching, manipulating, exploring, discovering, experimenting through trial and error – and play is the most natural vehicle for early experiential learning. At Oak Grove, we provide children with the necessary ingredients for play (time, space, provocations, the raw materials of childhood, and playmates), and support their play and learning with warmth and respect.







Kindergarten at Oak Grove is a step from
Preschool into the wider school community.
It builds the foundation for social maturity
and academic learning while remaining
responsive to the here-and-now of the young
child's experience.



the art of Communication

speaking • writing • listening • collaboration

We encourage children to communicate their ideas, ask questions, express feelings, and share knowledge. We nurture their ability to express themselves in age-appropriate ways through a combination of drawing, writing, and dictation.

Building a strong partnership among teachers and families is a cornerstone of our community. Parenting strategies are modeled informally and formally in parent meetings, parent education, and parent/teacher conferences.



ADMISSIONS STEPS

1 • APPLICATION AND TOURS

Tours are offered by our admissions team beginning in October and can be scheduled on our website. Complete the online application at oakgroveschool.org/apply. The priority deadline is February 1, and admission decisions are sent by mid-March. Late applications are processed on a space-available basis.

2 • IMMUNIZATIONS

Students must be in compliance with California immunization requirements, and records are submitted upon enrollment.

3 • PARENT INTERVIEW AND STUDENT VISITS

Parents will meet with an Admissions Associate to discuss their family's educational expectations and goals. When possible, applicants are invited to join for a Saturday visit with teachers and the Program Director.

Because we cannot make an offer of enrollment to every applicant, we maintain an active waitpool.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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