

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIRALESTE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY (MELA)

MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

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Miraleste Early Learning Academy is committed to being a child-centered developmentally appropriate program that provides for all areas of the child's development: physical, social, emotional and cognitive, through an integrated approach.

GOALS

- To provide an environment which promotes active exploration and interaction with adults, other children and materials with the teacher as a facilitator.
- To provide learning activities and materials that are concrete, real and meaningful to the lives of young children.
- To foster self-esteem through relationships with adults who express acceptance and respect for all children.
- To recognize that all children are different and to allow such differences to surface in daily activities.
- To allow outlets for the expression of each child's individual creative potential.
- To create an environment that allows children to utilize problem-solving techniques with peers and adults in social situations with guidance and supervision as needed.
- To create an environment where children are safe both physically and emotionally.
- To recognize each child's capabilities and to determine expectations based on these observations.
- To foster active participation and communication between children, staff and parents.
- To provide an environment that stimulates cooperative learning among children as well as staff members.
- To promote learning and growth in the language arts by providing a literate environment rich in meaningful daily reading, listening, speaking, and writing experiences.
- To expose children to mathematical and scientific concepts in a way that relates to the child's real world by using hands-on materials and experiences.
- To expose children to music, art and movement by integrating them throughout the curriculum.