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KO12 Kids School Philosophy

Our greatest asset and most fulfilling joy is the relationships we build with our team, our students and with the families that have entrusted us with their child's first school experience. We believe that children are naturally curious learners and, given the right environment, will love school! The best gift they can receive is to love school in the very beginning of their journey.

The following are the KO12 Kids core values and beliefs which has led to the development of our proprietary teaching methodology.

- 1. Students learn at their own pace and in their own ways. They learn different subjects differently as well. Therefore, the teacher must meet each student where they are at any given moment to support the best learning for that child at that time.
- 2. Age does not dictate learning and children learn from interacting with other children. Mixing age groups supports the younger students by allowing them to be supported by their older peers and the older students will gain the confidence and leadership skills needed to help direct their own learning journey.
- 3. Age does not dictate friendships. Socialization is an essential part of growing and learning. Just as adults often have close relationships with friends of different ages, children can and will develop equally beneficial relationships if given the opportunity to socialize and play with children of different ages.
- 4. Emotional learning, school and life skills are as essential to school and lifetime success as academic learning is.
- 5. Academic learning is most successful when it is relevant to the student. Learning through doing keeps students actively engaged with their learning and increases success by increasing relevance.
- 6. Children's bodies and brains are like an educational ecosystem. They have a symbiotic relationship and one cannot be nurtured without the other. Therefore, both the body and the brain need to be supported, exercised and active in learning daily.
- 7. A successful school experience needs to include relationships with students, teachers and parents all working together for the good of all of the students in the community.