



## Identity and Core Beliefs

ViewFinder is a community dedicated to discovering, supporting, and sharing a love for learning. Students of all ages are welcome to participate in age appropriate classes; where they will learn and develop precious life skills such as curiosity, agency, expression, and responsibility - all in an environment that cultivates vibrant imagination and collaborative experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Our identity is in harmony with the message of the timeless hymn *"Be Thou my Vision"*

### **We Believe in:**

Rational learning where students construct and build upon a foundation of essential knowledge. Reason when grounded in God's Truth provides wisdom for difficult decisions and confidence in promised realities. Rational learning is fostered by the Liberal Arts and Sciences .

*"Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord."*

Imaginative learning where students wonder about the possibilities of what they are learning. Imagination baptized in God's Beauty provides the curiosity to go further and the passion to persevere into the unknown. Imaginative learning is fostered by the Creative Arts and Story.

*"Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light."*

Experiential learning where students encounter the created world through their senses and natural instincts. Experience when understood rightly as God's call into Being fosters self-control in challenging circumstances and joy in the pleasures of our surroundings. Experiential learning is fostered by Hands on Learning and Workshops.

*"Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight. Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight."*

Relational learning where students belong to a community of learners through the bonds they form with their peers and teachers. Relationships that are centered in God's Goodness provide fellowship and celebration on the learning journey as well as supporting personal integrity, accountability, and character formation. Relational learning is fostered by Collaborative Learning and Apprenticeships.

*"Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art."*