



WHY CHOOSE DEERFIELD COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL?

- **DCNS is a unique community for your child and your whole family.** It is more than just a place to take your child to learn. The warm, supportive, caring and fun community is exemplified in ways such as social events for both families and just adults, fellow parents giving support or sharing a laugh during pickup/dropoff, volunteers working together to create a family event, parents helping a fellow family who is in need and staff who genuinely care about your family. You won't find anything like it anywhere else in Deerfield.
- **Small class sizes and low child-to-teacher ratios** are core to the school. Having the lowest child-to-teacher ratios on the North Shore means more individualized attention for each child.
- **Our experienced and nurturing teachers** are passionate about early childhood education. All of our head teachers have degrees and have been at DCNS more than 17 years, and our Director has a M.Ed. and has been with the school for 8 years. Our staff truly cares about your child and your whole family.
- **Weekly music time** with our talented music teacher who has been teaching at DCNS for over 25 years. She has a four-year degree in Music Education and has been trained in Music Together® and Orff techniques.
- **A play-based philosophy** is the foundation for DCNS's curriculum. Your child learns through play with block building, dramatic play, puzzles, sensory materials, matching games, transportation toys, and gross motor outdoor play. DCNS concentrates on the cognitive, physical and social skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.
- **Opportunities to get involved** for those parents who are interested are available through many varied activities such as joining the Board of Directors, helping organize social events or simply decorating bulletin boards. DCNS allows you to be as involved as you want to be.
- **Daily communication with parents and caregivers** is valued by our teachers. Teachers are always available to talk to parents about concerns or answer questions, and parents are given the teachers' home phone numbers.
- **Our secure playground** is on-site and only used by our school.
- **Toilet-training is not required** of children.
- **For more than 45 years** DCNS has been providing a quality preschool education to the children in the Deerfield area.
- **DCNS is a non-denominational school** that has no religious affiliation and offers no religious teaching.
- **"Nut free"** snacks are provided. We are a "nut free" zone.