



# THE ARBOR LEARNING COMMUNITY

## OUR MISSION

To provide secular customizable learning opportunities that foster critical, creative, and collaborative thinking skills in a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment that emphasizes a culture of growth and belonging.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

**Class schedules are customizable.**  
**Classes are multi-grade level at varied depths of learning** (exploring, discovering, investigating, and scholar) so that families can select classes to match their students' needs, interests, and skills.

**Classes are small in size** (generally 12:1 max) and have a **relational focus** to foster interactions among students and between teachers and students.

## CURRICULUM

Classes promote a **culture of growth**. Classes fuel students' curiosity and creativity, emphasizing individual student growth over competition.

Classes foster **critical thinking skills**, helping students to think about ideas and people from various perspectives and consider multiple ways to solve problems.

Classes foster **creative thinking skills**, helping students construct their own knowledge and skills and develop their own voice.

Classes foster **collaborative thinking skills**, giving students opportunities to learn with peers, communicate ideas, and work together toward collective goals.

## CLASS ENVIRONMENT

Classes promote a **culture of belonging**. Teachers help students develop peer relationships and positive self-concepts.

The class environment is **welcoming**. Each student is a significant contributor in the learning experience.

The class environment is **inclusive**. Diverse voices are incorporated and valued.

The class environment is **supportive**. Classes have built in flexibility for varied student skill levels.