



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

THE 7 TENETS OF THE ELEMENTARY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM



#1. Cooperation & Teamwork

Children who are motivated from within instead of by rewards, will become lifelong learners, eager to take on challenges.

#2. Innovative Approaches

Innovative teaching and learning happens through a shared responsibility among staff, students, and parents.



#3. Balanced Student-directed & Teacher-directed Learning

The teacher acts as a facilitator/mentor/guide of the child's learning; this enhances self-concept, enthusiasm for learning, and personal responsibility.

#4. Multi-age Groupings

Interaction among children of different ages and at different stages of development provides an environment wherein students learn from each other as well as from the teacher.



#5. Integrated Curriculum

This provides a natural progression from whole to parts and stresses the interrelation of all learning and subjects.

#6. Family & Community-centered School Environment

Parental involvement is essential for the partnership between the home and school which fosters self-respect, respect for the ideas and the opinions of others, and appreciation for people's differences.



#7. Ongoing Assessment & Evaluation

Multiple strategies of assessment and evaluation is ongoing with a primary focus on Personal growth, student goal setting, growth and assessment.