Program Philosophy

It is the philosophy of the Goddard Child Development Center to create a stimulating environment in which children can learn throughout exploration and discovery with teachers acting as facilitators.

GCDC is a Maryland State Department Education (MSDE) certified private school. We have the capacity of 123 children between the ages of 2 and 5. We have one kindergarten classroom, two pre-kindergarten classrooms, three 3-4 year old preschool classrooms and two 2-year old classrooms.

GCDC establishes an environment that supports learning and social development through carefully constructed activities. Using a variety of learning experience, GCDC Teachers help children to explore language arts, mathematics, music, art, math, science, social studies and creative play. We provide the support, encouragement, and individual attention necessary to allow each child to develop at his own rate.

With over 30 years of services in the NASA Goddard Community, GCDC is committed to satisfying the diverse needs of GSFC families. We offer the highest standard of child-inspired, professionally-nurtured care and education for young children.
**Quality**
- Conveniently located on GSFC campus
- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) certified private school
- MSDE certified full day kindergarten program
- Smaller class sizes

**Teachers**
- All GCDC Classrooms have a Lead and Assistant/Associate Teacher
- All Lead Teachers have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree
- GCDC Teachers engage in ongoing professional development

**Curriculum and Assessment**
- All classrooms use research based curriculum and assessment tools
- Classrooms serving children ages 2-4 utilize The Creative Curriculum
- Kindergarten Teachers utilize an MSDE approved Curriculum
- Weekly Spanish instruction for children ages 3 and up
- GCDC has a comprehensive assessment policy for all children enrolled

**Meals and Snacks**
- GCDC provides two nutritional snacks each day
- Parents supply lunch for their children
- GCDC provides milk for lunch time meals

**2011-2012 Tuition Rates:**
- Two Year Olds: $232 per week
- All Other Classes: $198 per week

**Waiting List**
Interested patrons must complete a membership application to place their child on the GCDC waiting list.

*It's a great day to learn at NASA Goddard Child Development Center!*

**Combined Federal Campaign**
GCDC is a registered CFC Charity. Our ID is 76902. Please support GCDC by selecting us during open season. Your financial contributions will be used for things like scholarships, program activities and supplies and equipment.