

Little Larks Credo

We believe that children are creative, resourceful, relational, and whole.

We believe that each child is uniquely valuable.

We believe that every child is worthy of being championed.

We believe that children are capable of solving complex problems.

We believe that children are ready to learn, grow, flourish, and lead at any age.

As adults in the lives of children, we believe in approaching them from a paradigm of Servant Leadership understanding that:

- It is our job to steward them as a precious human resource when they are in our care. Knowing that the following things are true:
 - All children have intrinsic value equal to our own. No one child is more or less valuable than another.
 - All children have unexpected life changing moments that occur because of words spoken to or about them. Because of this reality, we choose the words we speak to children wisely and well.
 - All children learn to love by how we treat them, so we do our best to live out love and apologize when we don't.
- Our focus on is on their flourishing, rather than prioritizing our own agendas and feelings of adequacy and value.
- They understand and express their needs well, especially in safe environments, and we must discover these needs by creating safe environments for them in the world and interacting with them from a perspective of openness and curiosity rather than judgement.
- They are exceptional partners in taking the world somewhere better.

I agree with the Lark's Song Kids Credo and will discipline myself in these beliefs.

I agree to let children tell their stories, use the environment around them as a laboratory, be messy and make mistakes.

I agree to creating spaces and time for children to take care of themselves and will acknowledge their positive impact in my life and in the world.

I agree to welcome their true selves – bodies, minds, emotions, spirits, and souls into a safe place and protect them as a precious human resource.

Printed Name:	Date:
Signature:	

