What Makes ECDC Kindergarten a Unique Program?

- **The Project Approach** is at the heart of the curriculum providing children with developmentally appropriate learning experiences through which academic skills across the subject areas flourish.

- **Balanced Literacy Program** nurtures the growth of young readers and writers across the developmental continuum as skills in reading, writing and speaking blossom.

- **Math** studies involve children in active problem solving using hands-on materials.

- **Field Trip Experiences** in the city of South Bend and the University of Notre Dame offer rich interactions with materials and people and serve as a springboard for learning.

- A robust **Social-Emotional Learning** curriculum works to develop social skills including, communication, conflict resolution, empathy and kindness while nurturing self-confident, capable individuals.

- **Commitment to Art Education** offers theater, music, studio art experiences in the community and classroom.

- **Nature Education** component develops a strong relationship with the natural world as children explore the outdoors on three play spaces at ECDC and in local parks and nature centers in the community, including Fernwood, Bendix Woods and Love Creek.

- **Two degreed teachers** guide the class of 26 children allowing for small group work and individual interactions.

- **Family involvement** is celebrated through classroom visits, helper opportunities and daily communication with the teachers.