



## **Club 21 Educational Beliefs**

We believe that...

- ❖ Every child is of equal value regardless of ability, and that every child enriches the life of his or her school community.
- ❖ Every child has a potential for growth that is to be discovered and nurtured.
- ❖ Every child should be held to high expectations,
- ❖ Every child has a unique learning style, which should be the foundation of his or her education.
- ❖ Every child should do meaningful work in a manner that encourages self-determination and independence.
- ❖ Educators should assume every child is competent and believe that every child “can” before considering he or she “cannot”.
- ❖ Educators should nurture reciprocal friendships for all children.
- ❖ Educators should receive on-going training and support based on up-to-date scientific research.
- ❖ Every school should foster a team approach and every school should include families as valuable members of the educational team.
- ❖ Every school should promote inclusion as it stimulates intellectual, social, and civic learning for all children.
- ❖ We believe that inclusion is very often the least restrictive and best environment for all children, including children with Down syndrome.