

## **NSCI Gates of Learning Director Statement**



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Welcome and thank you for inquiring about our Gates of Learning Preschool.

We have a wonderful community at Gates of Learning and each year we welcome the new relationships that come with our children and their families. I am always optimistic about our new beginnings and welcome the beginning of each school year with excitement. It is wonderful to see the returning children; how they have grown over the summer and what new things they will bring to school. In addition it is exciting to see how the new students integrate into the class and bring with them their own unique strengths and interests.

Gates of Learning is a safe and secure place for your child to begin their foundation for learning. Our environment is a warm and nurturing place for your child. We strive to meet each child's needs and help them reach their potential. We encourage problem solving and out of the box thinking. We incorporate many tools to initiate cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual growth.

Our teachers attend CFJE, Community Foundation for Jewish Education programs, workshops and classes. Each teacher fulfills the DCFS requirement of 15 hours of In-service hours, per school year, comprised of a variety of continuing educational classes and speakers. The teachers bring in new and different ideas, learning at these In-service events, which enhance the classroom experience. They are constantly asking the questions: Who? What? Where? When? And Why? to encourage critical thinking and new ways to think about things.

I am always available to set up a visit or to answer any questions you might have. Please call me at 847-835-0724, ext. 637 or email [elleng@nsci.org](mailto:elleng@nsci.org).

Looking forward to meeting with you, Shalom,

Ellen Grossman