

Guidelines For Selecting

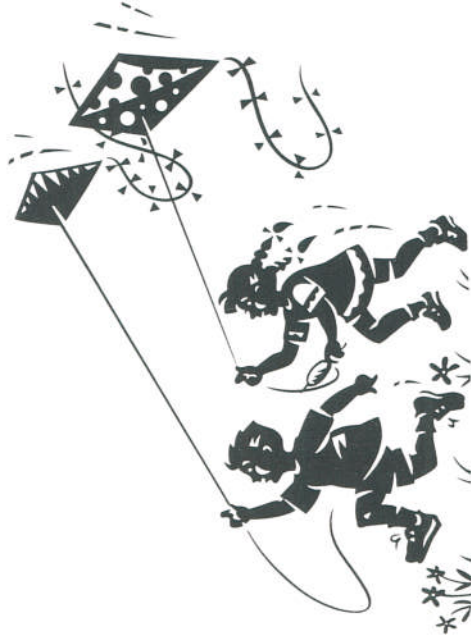
Children are our most valuable natural resource.

PHILOSOPHY

School-age child care should allow children to relax within a comfortable environment. Some educators of school-age care believe that it should not feel structured like "school". The mood should be relaxed, free-flowing, and full of interesting things to choose from. Look for a place that offers children their choice of activities, plenty of time to play, run around, and laugh out loud. Activities should be well rounded in the following areas:

- PHYSICAL**
allows children to exercise their large and small muscles, coordination, etc.
- COGNITIVE**
allows children to think through activities, and develop their intellectual abilities
- SOCIAL**
allows children to cooperate with other children and learn social skills
- EMOTIONAL**
allows children to play individually and express feelings and thoughts

...Herbert Hoover



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