

Little Rams Theme Ideas

Care Provider Considerations:	Good staff to child ratio Parent choice Diversity of programs Optional for those who want/need it Responsive care model Less transitions between school and childcare (*keep the same place) Knowledgeable, experienced teachers Parent participation Qualified teachers Qualified educators Info for parents on what to expect
Child Experience and Learning:	Multi-age Play, play play!!! Social/emotional focus Social and emotional learning Outdoor play Play > Academics Playful Guided, not mandated Intentional, play-based Human interaction (early and often) Encourage creative thinking Life skills Create a foundation for parents to build from Teamwork and collaboration Standardizing needs Messaging from schools as to what is expected on day one of Kindergarten Play Emphasis on play Play Social/emotional learning
Collaboration with larger Gorham Community:	Family engagement opportunities Increased family outreach to caregivers Engagement and collaboration with community helpers, etc. Collaboration Collaboration between all stakeholders

	Some sort of unified publicity so families are aware Parent knowledge on offerings in Gorham Education for parents (child development, resources, etc.)
Big, structural needs:	Town zoning and planning support More spots for children Well-resourced
Funding/Equity:	Ensuring access for families regardless of socio-economic status Affordable Adequately funded Available regardless of ability to pay Available for all children (access to transportation, special education, typically developing) Equitable Funding Funding Transportation
Environment:	Spacious (both indoor and outdoor) Huge nature/outside component Rethink environments (reflect local community) time/space outside Outside playspace space