



Welcome to the Lower School at Wellington! The habits and attitudes that are nurtured and developed in young children deeply influence how they see themselves as individuals and as learners far beyond the early years of their school experiences. We want every student to be challenged and learn in a warm, caring, and supportive environment, maintaining a growth mindset that shifts a response from “I don’t know that” to “I don’t know that yet.”

At Wellington, we embrace the opportunity to help each student find the joyful and energizing challenge of being an engaged, lifelong learner, which we define as challenged and loving it! We prepare students from the very earliest years to be responsive to the demands of an increasingly diverse and global society with unimaginable challenges, responsibilities, and opportunities. It is for this reason that we believe strongly in the power of diversity in a co-educational setting that prepares students of all ages to be confident and flexible global citizens. We know that learning in a diverse community allows us to see the world through multiple perspectives and actually makes us smarter.

Through an active, experience-based program, we invite children to be thoughtful questioners, careful observers, explorers, experimenters, problem-solvers, and creative and critical thinkers. In a vibrant and supportive setting, we help children stretch to meet new challenges while they take what they know to make new connections and new meaning across the curriculum. Students grow their love of learning far beyond what happens in the physical classroom through the outdoor classroom, organic gardening, skiing/snowboarding, multiple community experiences, and connections with innovators around the world, as well as mindfulness and well-being activities. There is no more important time than the beginning of the educational journey to build in the essential habits and attitudes as a solid foundation for a lifetime of curiosity and learning. We invite you to join us on this joyful journey where being challenged and loving to learn is the norm!

Kind regards,

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