

The Holtzapple-Blanton Family, members of UUCC, share their enthusiasm for ODS!

When we started planning our move from Philadelphia to Charlotte, we were surprised about the difficulty of finding a high-quality child care environment.

After our family joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte and our son was accepted into Cotswold Elementary School through the magnet program, we were spending more and more time in the Cotswold area. We had learned about Open Door School through friends and through the Church. The philosophy of Open Door School spoke to us: learning through discovery, creative play, lots of fresh air in the natural playgrounds, a wood shop and kind, well educated teachers, administration and parents.

Laurel, a landscape architect, designs outdoor play spaces for children incorporating natural elements and was delighted at seeing the ODS's wood play structures nestled into the trees and the importance given to outdoor play/learning time. Our 3 year old daughter Kendall has grown so much since she started the Full Day program at ODS in July of 2009. She has made new lifelong friends and tells us all about her adventures she had during the day. Kendall especially loves to try on the princess outfits and shoes. Kendall is still working on venturing out of the food color range of white, yellow, brown and into the exciting world of red, orange, purple and green! ODS is a good fit for our family and we are thankful to be here.