

## *The Advantages of a Multiage Program*

- ◆ Students experience the security and stability of working with the same teachers.
- ◆ A close relationship develops between the child, child's family, and the teachers.
- ◆ Teachers focus on the child's whole development: physical, intellectual, social and emotional.
- ◆ There is more flexibility for students because attention is given to individual needs.
- ◆ Children learn routines, and teachers can pick up where they left off.
- ◆ The child belongs to a learning community and develops a positive attitude about school.
- ◆ It expands the range of peers, unites students, and promotes cooperative learning.
- ◆ It allows for student diversity and fosters acceptance.
- ◆ There are varied opportunities for leadership for all ages along with additional exposure to challenging activities.
- ◆ It encourages socialization, independence, and interaction with peers.
- ◆ It favors more authentic practical assessments.

## *The Disadvantages of a Multiage Program*

- ◆ It may be too overwhelming for some children, parents, and students.
- ◆ The classroom population can be too diverse.
- ◆ Children may need more one-on-one attention; some students may feel neglected.
- ◆ Some students are easily distracted.
- ◆ Children may compare themselves negatively, feeling they can't do something as well as others.
- ◆ Personality clashes can develop.
- ◆ Teachers have a lot of work, planning instruction for a wide range of student ability.