

Daria Cedio

Hi! My name is Daria Cedio and I consider myself a lifelong resident of Cheshire having arrived here in the 1st grade from New Jersey. I have attended the public schools here in town from Darcey through Cheshire High School. After a wonderful childhood in this community, it is here I decided to raise my own family. I have two teenage daughters presently in the Cheshire school system and it is through them that I became acquainted with Scooter School.

In my search for nursery school for my then three year old, I had the daunting task of choosing a preschool program for her. Not an easy task for a perfectionist! I visited schools, interviewed staff, made telephone inquiries and requests for literature. I did my homework-I consulted my pediatrician. I went to the library (computers were not yet household appliances). I read about benchmarks, milestones, introduction to letters and number, age appropriateness and gross motor skills. After all, this was my daughters educational foundation. But as an inexperienced mother, I had only my intuition and gut to rely on.

The Scooter School philosophy was so simple and oh so appealing to me. It was about nurture and fun-so much for all that research. It was about children wanting to be there. It was never more apparent than when I visited and hopped over block towers, got splashed from the water table, stepped in playdough and brushed against an easel with a wet masterpiece.

Like always, I went with my gut. In the end though, I was not the true judge. It was, of course, my daughter.....

After being a frequent volunteer for the four years my two girls attended, I expressed an interest in employment. Janet Jacaruso took me on 7 years ago and mentored me while co-teaching side by side for the first 5 years. It is the same warm environment it was when my girls were three. I feel fortunate to be able to give your children the same foundation.