

 **PHILOSOPHY**

Our primary responsibility is to create and maintain a positive learning environment to help each student obtain the basic skills, understanding of ideas and values required to be a productive member of his/her community and nation.

A learning atmosphere will be nurtured that emphasizes each student as an individual with a unique personality. Student growth and progress are based on the needs, abilities, and interests of the individual. The Southside Instructional Program and activities recognize the dignity and worth of each student.

For every student to advance to his/her fullest potential mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially, there must be understanding and cooperation among parents, students, teachers, and principal. The best strategies and techniques available within budgetary constraints are utilized to try to help each student. To promote and preserve our American Heritage, students must understand the true meaning of freedom, democracy, honesty, and the responsibility each individual has in promoting these principles.

Recognizing the learning process as ongoing, we believe that every student:

**Needs a positive self-image.**

**Be encouraged to develop independence and to act responsibly.**

**Be provided opportunities for self-expression.**

**Know and apply social skills for working and playing with others.**

**Learn by doing in all curriculum areas.**

**Be encouraged to be a problem solver by using creative thinking, reasoning and experimentation.**

**Know the importance of good health and safety habits.**

