ESSENTIAL RESOURCES FOR **A ROOM SET UP**

Furniture and Spaces

- Is there an overall softness to your space ? Are you using Cushions, rugs, soft seatings...?
- Does your space support relationships?
- Is there a connection to the outside world, elements of nature? (nature-inspired area with real plants, and loose parts available)
- Is your entrance open and welcoming?
- Create a cozy atmosphere with warm lights and natural elements.

Materials

- Materials are presented in an organized, inviting manner. Use natural materials for storage like wood baskets, no plastic.
- Does the room contain a rich assortment of intelligent materials (Loose parts, art materials, wooden blocks, paper, fabric, recycled objects, etc)?
- Are materials multi-sensory ? Individual and group opportunities to engage the senses, including nature elements.

Research and Learning

- Is the space set up for curiosity? Design areas where children can freely explore and re-do the space if needed.
- Create an area to support collaboration and small group work.
- Are there tools for research accessible throughout the room? (clipboards, writing tools, images, rulers or tape measures, magnifying glasses, etc.)
- Celebrate diversity and inclusivity, incorporate elements of multiculturalism, representing all the families.

Documentation

- Is there space to display the children work, accessible to the children
- Is there designated space for visible questioning and planning? Walls can serve as a space for reflection and documentation where educators can share ideas, experiences and research.
- Do you have an engaging, interactive Parent area? Encourage families to collaborate and participate.