



# All Day Learning Centers

*Focusing on Your Child's Early Education*

## **Toddler Program (18 Months – 2 Years)**

### **Overview**

Our Toddler Program focuses on language development, physical coordination, learning how to interact with peers, and making independent choices. It fosters individual development and self-help skills. In this class, students should begin to name objects, build upon language skills, and begin to speak in two-word phrases.

### **Curriculum Programs**

#### **Creative Curriculum**

Creative Curriculum is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum designed to help teachers and caregivers implement developmentally appropriate practices. It offers responsive daily routines and meaningful experiences that nurture learning and development.

#### **“Use Your Words” Curriculum**

This is a literacy curriculum designed to give children the tools they need to effectively communicate with their peers and teachers. The program is taught in the classroom through small group activities.

#### **STEAM Program**

We offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics) activities as part of our regular curriculum. Here, students focus on how shadows and reflections are made using lights and mirrors, learn about magnets, understand how gears work, and do activities such as making a cloud in a jar!

#### **Music & Movement**

Music and movement is a regular part of the routine to help students develop an appreciation of creative movement and dance. Students sing, move, and listen to a wide variety of music throughout the day, including classical and children's music.

#### **Healthy Choices**

Healthy Choices is a program to teach about Food, Fitness, and Fun! Students will learn about healthy food choices and the importance of eating right. They will also learn about how to exercise, and about the importance of staying fit. These activities help students learn about making healthy food choices and keeping fit through physical activity.

#### **Sign Language**

The goal of our Sign Language Program is to introduce another form of communication to all our students that will help them communicate without frustration. Sign Language helps our students to develop social and language skills even when they are in the beginning stages of developing vocabulary. Three signs are introduced each week, but taught daily. Each of the program's nineteen signs are used every time a teacher says that word to reinforce the learning of the language.



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## Food and Facilities

### **Food & Nutrition**

Families are welcome to supply their child with snacks and lunches or may take advantage of our school snacks and/or our catered hot lunch program.

- **Snacks:** Snack time is provided three times a day at approximately 9am, 3pm, and 5pm. Our 5pm snack is also when dinners can be heated for students whose families provide them. School snacks consist of cereal, fresh fruit, or applesauce. Water is always offered to accompany snack. Our snack service is included in your monthly tuition.
- **Lunch:** Our hot lunches are catered by a local restaurant. Each lunch is served in its own container and includes fresh fruit, a vegetable, and an entrée. Milk is also offered to all students who receive school lunch. Entrees include such items as, chicken tenders, grilled cheese, meatballs, or fish sticks, etc. A vegetarian lunch option is always available. Our hot lunch program is optional. Please see the Director for prices.

### **Facilities**

The classroom is arranged into four distinct “Interest Areas”, including: Dramatic Play, Blocks, Art, and Library. Center time is always included in the daily schedule, which provides an opportunity for structured play, an important component of our program. During center time, students will be seen developing a wealth of language, cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills.

### **Playground**

Weather permitting, students will go outside to our large, child-friendly playground. Each part of our playground was specially designed with appropriate activities. Outdoor play provides students the opportunity to enhance their gross-motor skills, to build muscle and to improve coordination, and it provides an atmosphere for positive interactions with peers.