

WELCOME TO THE TWO'S ROOM

Hello and welcome to the Two-Year-Old Room!

Our goal is to create a safe environment where children can develop their skills, build self-esteem, and explore their independence. Your child will have a Primary Caregiver, and a Lead Teacher will oversee their care.

Teachers will provide daily language experiences through books, songs, and storytelling, and will incorporate art activities that explore colors, shapes, and textures. We encourage children to practice sharing, use words to solve problems, and express their feelings. Children will also develop cultural awareness through books, food, and experiences that celebrate diversity. Age-appropriate play equipment will promote large muscle growth, and Circle Time will include group stories, songs, and discussions.

The transition from Toddler to Two's is usually smooth due to familiarity with staff and peers. The day follows a structured schedule, starting with free play and teacher-led activities like books, play dough, and music. We go outside as often as we can (weather permitting)! Quiet time for napping is provided, so please bring a labeled crib sheet or mat for your child.

Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon, but please bring a lunch with an ice pack. Children who are potty training will be supported with opportunities to try the potty as appropriate. Children in diapers are changed as needed. Those approaching toilet training may be offered the opportunity to try using the potty. Additional information designed to help make potty training a successful and positive experience is provided as they approach that stage.

The staff provides small group activities focused on social skills, motor development, cognitive growth, and creative expression. Monthly calendars and daily reports will be posted outside the room to keep you informed.

For outdoor play, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, with seasonal gear (sunscreen, bug spray, bathing suits, snow gear). The sandbox is a favorite but messy! Also, have a few spare pieces of clothing to keep in your child's cubby as well.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Please pack bite-sized finger foods, and label all lunch containers. If your child has dietary restrictions, inform their teacher. The Center provides skim milk for lunch. Special lunches are offered on Mondays for \$3, and a menu will be provided. You may either pick all month or choose individually. A special lunch menu will be given out every 2 months and will be posted on the center's website.

After lunch, your child will prepare for nap. The length of nap varies with each child. Your child's diaper changes/ potty times and time naptime will be recorded on the communication board inside the classroom. After nap, the children have snack and play in inside or outside, until departure.

If you need to store any medication here for your child, please give directly to your child's teacher. Never leave medicine in lunch boxes, cubbies, or bags. A signed permission form from your child's pediatrician will be required.

Each November and May you will receive written observations on your child's growth and development at the center with the opportunity to schedule a conference. We are available to meet with you at any time during the year should the need arise.

We look forward to a successful year with your child!

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback please feel free to talk with us.

