



TLC Early Childhood Center

Toddler Room Program Description

Program Overview

The Toddler program is designed for children who would benefit from an extra year of growth before kindergarten. Open to children aged 12 months to 2 ½ years old (with limited exceptions by director approval), the program emphasizes social, emotional, and academic readiness through hands-on, developmentally appropriate learning in a supportive, structured environment.

Eligibility

- Ages in this room range from 12 months -2 ½ years.

Schedule & Class Size

- Monday–Friday, within the hours of 6:30 am-6:00 pm.
- Maximum 12 children with a staff-to-child ratio of 1:4
- 1 Teacher & 2 Assistant Teachers

Curriculum, Assessment, & Learning Environment

- Creative Curriculum
- GOLD Assessment is used to guide instruction
- Parent–teacher conferences are held twice each year
- Fine motor skills are introduced and encouraged through art and other activities. Children become familiar with crayons, markers, and glue.

Faith-Based Learning Component

- Jesus Time is provided daily
- Bible stories, songs, finger-plays, and lessons are taught at an age-appropriate level, and, most importantly, they learn how much Jesus loves them!

Daily Routine

- Consistent daily schedule
- Plenty of time is allowed for free-choice playtime.
- Gym daily and/or Outdoor play year-round | Please provide appropriate clothing such as boots, snow pants, mittens, hats, and warm coats or a bathing suit for summer. We are happy to apply sunscreen if provided.
- Daily rest time from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Children now sleep on cots. Parents must furnish a *small* blanket and a *small* pillow if desired. A crib sheet fits well on cots. If your child still requires a morning siesta, we will accommodate this.

Meals

- Morning snack, hot lunch, and afternoon snack are available for purchase, or the family can provide two snacks and a hot lunch
- Monthly menus are available on the website
- Staff are sensitive to cutting up food well and assist whenever necessary. Toddler cups and spoons are furnished.

Additional Information

- Children learn to use cups, feed themselves, and may begin toilet training. They begin to learn to pick up after themselves and enjoy helping the caregivers.
- Please send in extra clothes in case of ‘accidents’.
- The preschool staff provides daily written communication and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your child’s day.