

Toddler Program (18 to 24 Months)

Establishing a daily routine creates comfort and security for your toddler. At this active age, our environment supports what toddlers do best: explore and learn through play, trial and error, repetition, and imitation.

As your child shows interest in potty training in this room and the next, teachers and parents work together to create a plan that will be consistent both at home and at the center. Through a daily schedule (see below), they will learn to eat with a spoon, pick up their toys, use words to express their thoughts and feelings, listen to stories, and do puzzles. They will have opportunities to do art with crayons, markers, glue, and play dough.

In this room they start doing what we call Circle Time, which is a portion of the day (varying in length of time by the age group) when the teacher goes through the bulk of the lesson plan. We try to incorporate Language Arts, Art, Math, Science, and Music every day. They learn about these subjects in a variety of fun and creative ways (see *Lesson Plans*).

In this room, they start sleeping on cots instead of cribs, developing self-help skills, independence and other things that will get your child prepared to be in the two year old program!

Sample Schedule

6:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Drop-Off/Free Play
9:00 AM to 9:20 AM	Morning Snack
9:20 AM to 9:40 AM	The Great Playroom/ Outside
9:40 AM to 11:30 AM	Circle Time, Free Play
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Lunch
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	Cots Out, Story Time
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Nap
3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Afternoon Snack
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Bible Story, Music, Free Play

