

For the Classroom:

1. Four to six full bottles and/or food for the entire day.
2. If applicable, a sippy-cup with a lid.
3. Three bibs
4. A large box of diapers, one box of wipes, and ointment or powder.
5. Two complete sets of extra clothing including shoes and socks.
6. A copy of your child's daily schedule and routine
7. If you child has allergies, a picture of you child with a list of all of the items that



Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for bringing your child to us. We love them, we care for them, and we do everything we can to provide the best care possible for our babies. We want them to grow and be happy.

If your child has any routines or areas of interest that he or she demonstrates at home, please let us know so that we may incorporate this into our daily routine. We look forward to being your child's home away from home.

We welcome you once again!

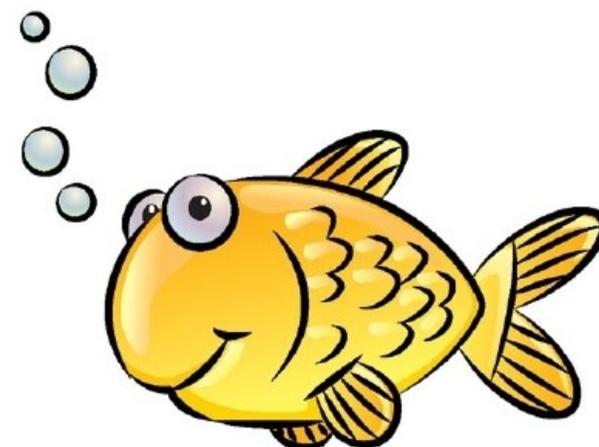
Sincerely,
The Tadpole & Goldfish Teachers

To be a child is to know the fun of living.
To have a child is to know the beauty of life."

-Unknown



Welcome to the Mobile Babies Room! *(Tadpoles and Goldfish)*



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Who are the Mobile Babies?

Mobile Babies usually come up from one of the Infant rooms at about 10 months and stay until they are ready to move on to one of the Toddler rooms at 15 to 18 months. Mobile Babies are control their head, crawl, hold their own bottle and even pick up and eat finger food. Some may not be able to do all of these skills in the beginning, but we work with them as they learn and develop and eventually move on to the Toddlers.

The Mobile Babies develop their motor skills through their play and activities in our classroom. They are encouraged to drink milk in the drinking chairs instead of being fed by an adult. When new babies see that their other friends are eating food by themselves, they too will start to eat finger food and try to do things more independently. These efforts will also help to develop their fine motor skills at the same time. You will probably see more food around their chair than on the tray, but that is all part of the development process!

The Mobile Babies enjoy their activities and love to be in a group.



They love to sing, clap, read and share with friends. Mobile Babies are still on their own schedules with a couple of the babies taking two naps and others who have transitioned to one. As your child gets older, we will encourage him or her to only take one nap a day in preparation for the group schedule in the Toddler Room.



The sounds babies make gradually turn to simple words to express their feelings. We try and avoid using the word “no” when communicating with your children. Instead we prefer to use statements like, “We eat food. We don’t throw it.” Our teachers also teach and use some very basic sign language with the Mobile Babies such as the signs for “more”, “milk”, or “please.”

What’s the schedule for Mobile Babies?

The Mobile Babies have breakfast in the morning before beginning a fun filled day with their friends. Some then take a nap while others take a stroller ride or play in the playground where they will interact and play with the Toddlers. After lunch, the Mobile Babies have their free-play time and then all take a nap. After having a snack, the Mobile Babies then either play in the playground or go for a stroller ride. This schedule may be adjusted slightly depending on the weather.

How our parents can help us...

- Please write the name of your child on his/ her belongings such as: bottles (please bring in bottles with caps), food containers (each piece), blankets and shoes.
- Please provide us with a detailed note of any food allergies that your child has.
- Always fill out the medication form if your child needs to have his/her medication at school (we are unable to give them without a written permission). If your child is given medicine at home, warn us about any reaction that may occur.
- Please check to make sure that there are extra clothes in his/her cubby.
- If you can let us know that the child needs to go home early for some reason such as doctors appointment, we can reschedule his/ her day accordingly.
- Please let us know any other information you think will help to make your child happier.
- If you have any questions, concerns or issues about the classroom, please feel free to talk to any of us.