

Potty Training

An exciting occurrence in the two year old classroom is when one of the children shows signs of being ready to use the potty! This interest is approached with love, patience, and understanding. When your child reaches this point, we ask that you help the teachers by putting underwear on over your child's diaper.

We go about potty training in three stages:

Stage 1: Your child will wear underwear in the morning for a couple of hours and then will be placed in a diaper before lunch time.

Stage 2: Once your child has mastered the mornings, he or she will move into napping without a diaper.

Stage 3: The final stage means that your child will be in underwear the whole day. No matter how many accidents your child may have, we still put underwear back on them.

When potty training, we take the children to the potty about every 10 to 15 minutes. Please remember that every child is different. While some children get the hang of using the potty right away, others may take a while. We do ask that parents follow the same steps that we are taking at school in potty training your little one. Whether you are at home or out and about, please let your child be in underwear. Practice makes perfect!

Supplies Needed for the First Day of School...

For the classroom:

1. Wipes
2. Diapers
3. Diaper Cream
4. Backpack with extra clothes: shirt, pants, socks, and shoes
5. Flat twin sheet and a blanket or two blankets
6. Summer: swimsuit, swim diapers, water shoes, & towel.

For the Office:

1. Doctor's Health Inventory Form
2. Immunization Records
3. Emergency Contact Card
4. All other forms provided by the office

Dear Parents,

We would like to officially welcome you to the two year old Classroom! Whether your child has moved from the Toddlers or is new to the School, we are thrilled to have you. It will be so exciting to watch your child grow and develop as they become more and more independent.

If you have ANY questions or comments, please feel free to speak to any of the 2 year old teachers. We hope that you and your child enjoy your time in the two year old classroom!

Sincerely,

The Butterfly, Dragonfly & Firefly Teachers

Welcome to the Twos! (Butterflies, Dragonflies & Fireflies)



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Welcome to our room!

Your child is in for an enormous amount of fun as he or she takes the next step in his or her developmental years. First and foremost, we are happy that you and your child are joining the two year olds! Secondly, we HIGHLY encourage you to speak to any of your teachers directly if you have any questions or concerns about the two year old classroom or your child.

Curriculum...

There are three component to your child's daily program. Those three areas are immersion into thematic units, learning through play, and a formal curriculum called *High Reach Learning*. At the young age of two, the primary focus is on thematic units and learning through play with the formal curriculum introduced daily for short periods of time.

1. Learning Through Play:

A huge part of your child's day will be learning through play both in and outside of the classroom. At the age of two, children are beginning to discover that there are peers around them. By preparing the room to be conducive for useful play, children are encouraged to begin interacting with peers and setting the foundation for healthy peer relationships. The concepts of sharing, cooperating with others, and imaginative play begin to emerge at this age.



2. Thematic Units:

Every morning your child will participate in a teacher directed circle time where he or she will learn about a particular thematic unit. We also do projects and crafts that directly relate to the information discussed in circle time that morning. Thematic units are chosen based on the season, an upcoming holiday, or what the children are showing interest in at any particular time. Some examples of thematic unit that are done in the two year old class include the body, transportation, seasons, community helpers, colors, shapes, and healthy food. Upcoming thematic units are discussed in each monthly newsletter.



3. High Reach Learning Curriculum:

HRL curriculum focuses around the belief that children learn best when actively engaged with the people and environment around them. Through hands on experiments and activities, the two year old curriculum aims to promote development in areas of language, math, science, social and emotional development, physical health and encourage an overall positive approach to knowledge and learning. Some of the growth and abilities you might see blossom in your child throughout their duration in one of our 2 year old classes include; taking turns in conversation, singing songs, beginning to understand quantity (more or less), sorting by color, shape or size, understanding of sequence of daily routine, understanding of cause and effect, becoming aware of other people's feelings, questioning "why" things happen, attempting more things on their own and an increased sense of balance.

Twos Daily Schedule

7-9am Free Play & Outside Time

9-9:30 Wash Hands/Breakfast

9:30-10 Diaper Change & Circle Time

10:30-11:30 Outside

11:30-12:15 Wash Hands & Eat Lunch

12:15-12:30 Diaper Change

12:30-3:00 Nap

3-3:45 Diaper Change/Snack Time

3:45-4:15 Free Play & Crafts

4:15-6 Outside/Wait for Departure



"There are lives I can imagine without children but none of them have the same laughter & noise."

-Brian Andreas