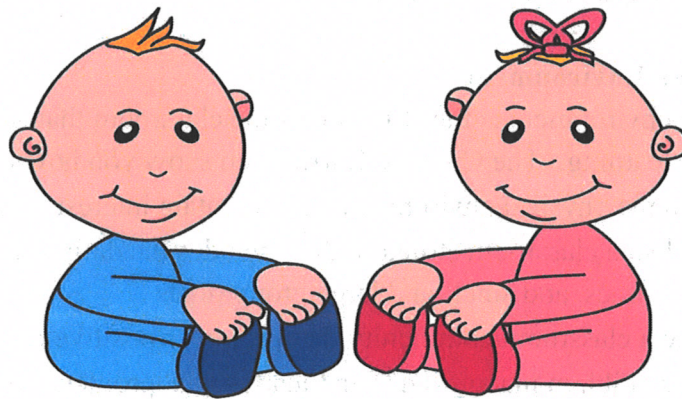


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# **INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAM**





# INFANT & TODDLER'S PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

We would like to take this time to welcome you and your child to the Infant & Toddlers classroom. We are looking forward to another challenging and fun year.

Quality Time Learning Center's curriculum for **Infants and Toddlers** strives to be the high quality program that you are looking for! In addition to strengthening socialization skills-how to compromise, be respectful others and problem-solve –we provide a setting where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with peers and build confidence through a creative curriculum.

Quality Time educators create bi-weekly lessons to allow the children in their care to explore the classroom and world around them. Each week, the children have the opportunity to learn through theme-based lesson plans using The Creative Curriculum methods of teaching. The Creative Curriculum helps our educators create high quality programs that meet the unique needs of the children and families that we serve. The basic framework of Creative Curriculum follows five components:

## **1. How Children Develop and Learn**

Knowing how children develop and learn is the basis for planning your program, selecting materials, and guiding children's learning. By knowing, we mean appreciating general patterns of growth in all children as well as the differences you will certainly encounter among individual children.

## **2. The Learning Environment**

The learning environment is the structure of the classroom that sets the context for teaching and learning. The Creative Curriculum show you how to:

- Set up the physical environment and maintain interest areas
- Establish a classroom structure that includes the daily routine and schedule, choice times, and small-and large group times
- Create a classroom community that promotes positive relationships and
- Where children make friends and learn social problem-solving skills

## **3. What Children Learn**

On the basis of scientific research and state and professional standards. The Creative Curriculum identifies the knowledge, skills, and concepts important for children to acquire in each content area: literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology.

#### **4. The Teacher's Role**

The teacher is engaged in an ongoing cycle of observing, guiding learning, and assessing children's progress. During this cycle teachers interact with children continuously and make decisions about when and how to respond to meet individual and group needs.

#### **5. The Family's Role**

Home and school are a young child's two most important worlds. Children must bridge these two worlds every day. If home and school are connected in positive and respectful ways, children feel secure. However, children suffer when the two worlds are at odds because of apathy, lack of understanding, or an inability to work together. Teachers can build a true partnership when they truly value the family's role in a child's education and recognize how much they can accomplish by working with families.

### **Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers**

The care that infants and toddlers receive and their experiences during the first 3 years of life have a powerful influence on how they view the world, how they relate to others and their ability to succeed as learners. The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos has helped teachers understand developmentally appropriate practice's and how to create daily routines and meaningful experiences that respond to children's strengths, interests and needs. The lessons are created based on the methods of Creative Curriculum, along with the Maryland Early Learning Standards, and support and enhance all areas of development: social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language.

We always welcome parent participation and visits. If you have any questions or concerns through the course of your child's day, please do not hesitate to confer with us or stop by the office.

Sincerely,

Infants & Toddlers Teachers

# CLASSROOM DO'S AND DON'TS

## **DO'S**

Read your Parent Handbook thoroughly.

Upon arrival and departure please greet your teachers.

Communicate with your teacher about any concerns or needs you feel are affecting your family.

Parents are asked that their children are in class no later than 10:00 a.m. for the academic session of the day.

Please enter classroom quietly when you arrive after 10:00 a.m.

Blankets and sheets are to be taken home every Friday.

Please provide two changes of clothes for your child at all times.

You must notify the office if another relative/person will be picking up your child.

Children with food allergies are recommended to bring their own food.

Please inform teachers when your child is on medication or is out do to sickness.

Please label all belongings.

## **DON'TS**

Children are not allowed to wear open toe shoes.

Children are to remain home if they have a temperature of 100 degrees or have diarrhea the night before. If your child develops a fever, they should remain at home the following day.

Please do not bring any toys to school except on designated for show-and-share day.

Please do not leave medication in cubbies, all medication must be brought to the office.

Please do not remove children from the playground and classroom without notifying teachers.

Please do not give food to your child in the classroom, except at routine/regular mealtimes.



# CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

## What to Bring for Infants

- Disposable diapers, wipes
- Diaper rash ointment or cream\*
- Sunscreen\*
- Teething medication\*
- Breast milk and/or formula (labeled bottle with caps)
- Bottles (non-glass)
- Infant cereal, jarred baby food
- Two complete changes of clothing
- Bibs
- Blanket and fitted sheet

**\*QTLC requires that you sign a permission slip before we can apply any topical ointment.**

## What to Bring for Toddlers

- Disposable diapers, wipes
- Diaper rash ointment or cream\*
- Sunscreen\*
- Teething medication\*
- Two complete changes of clothing
- Blanket and fitted sheet
- Water bottle
- Bibs

During summer months, your child will need to bring in a swimsuit, towel, and water shoes for outside water play.

During the winter months, please provide a warm winter coat, hat, and gloves/mitten.

QTLC requests that children come to school dressed in seasonally appropriate, play clothing. Closed-toe shoes are requested for the safety of your child.

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