



Welcome to the Caterpillar Classroom

Age 1-2 years old

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INTRODUCTION: In the pre-toddler classroom our focus is on cognitive and physical development promoting independence. After the age of one, you will begin to see a complete change in your child after. At this time, children become more independently mobile and are more able to manipulate the world around them. As their eagerness for self-discovery grows, so do their personalities.

PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE: Children begin to become much more dependent at this age. In order to facilitate their growth, we encourage activities that promote the following areas:

- Large Motor Activity (walking, climbing, jumping, dancing)
- Small Motor Activity (self-feeding, puzzles, art projects)
 - Social Skills (cooperative play, cleaning up)
 - Hand washing

AREA PLAY: Our goal in the classroom is to allow the children to explore the world through experience. Our area play activities promote child development and learning experiences. This includes:

- Manipulating toys
- Imitation and dramatic play
- Enjoying stories and books
- Creating and experiencing music and movement
- Expressing through art
- Exploring our senses through sand and water
- Activity outdoors



LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT: Children learn not only through play and hand-on activities, but also through conversation. This is when they begin to repeat words that they hear and develop their language (pre-literacy) skills. This is promoted through circle time activities, story time, and area play.

DAILY COMMUNICATION: Daily Reports are our methods of communicating vital information to the parents on a daily basis. We record each child's napping and feeding experience, diaper changes, activities for the day, and their general temperament. We will inform you if your child needs more supplies such as diapers or wipes. We will include any important notes or reminders that come up. On top of each child's cubby is a mailbox can, in which all papers and daily reports will be located at pick up time. The teachers may also be contacted by phone during call hours from 12-2pm. ****The classroom phone numbers is (718)667-2604****

LABELING: It is extremely important that all children's belongings are labeled properly to ensure sanitary procedure and infection control. Please label all feeding, and drinking utensils, shoes and clothing items, as well as blankets and bed sheets with both first and last names.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES: For sanitary reasons please bring in a pair of indoor shoes for school.