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SCHOOL

Toddler Program Information Sheet

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.” ~ Maria Montessori

Gross Motor

The toddler classroom seamlessly integrates movement in the classroom. The children have to collect and carry materials from the shelf to their work spot. The children have to navigate around tables and other children who are working with a mat on the floor. There is also walking on the line work, which has them walking forwards, backwards and on tiptoes. During playtime outside they learn to kick and throw balls, walk on balance beams and use balance boards.

Fine Motor

Fine motor and hand eye coordination skills are strengthened in the Toddler classroom. These skills involve smaller more refined movements like their pincer grip and placing objects carefully in designed spaces. Montessori uses exercises like: pasting, cutting, cylinder blocks, tong and puzzle materials to help support the child in acquiring these skills.

Language

It is in the Toddler room that the child goes from the use of one or two words to talking in complete sentences. Our students expand their vocabulary and language skills through books, songs, picture cards of various categories (i.e things we see along the street, things in the kitchen, tools etc) and social interactions. Phonetic sounds are also introduced, with the Montessori sandpaper letters.

Math

Math concepts are introduced through a variety of counting songs, counting games, counting art exercises and the Montessori sandpaper numbers and number rods. Toddlers are taught about numbers with sensorial tools, where they can use their senses to understand concepts such as quantity, size, shape, length etc.

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Art and Music

In the Toddler classroom, students are encouraged to express themselves through art and music. Art projects and music are integrated into all the different areas of development. Students work on art projects and activities, music, songs and dance.

Social and Emotional

The Toddler room is where your child begins to learn about caring for themselves, others, their classroom and the environment. We learn respect and empathy for others, respect for others' work, sharing, and taking turns.

Independence

Toddlers are guided in learning to care for themselves and understanding themselves. They learn how to wash their hands, use the toilet, get dressed, hang up their clothes and clean up after themselves. This helps build confidence and independence.