## **Toddler Care & Curriculum (12-24months)**

When your baby transitions into the toddler stage, they still need lots of love and nurturing and attention and interaction. Our toddler teachers provide a reassuring routine to provide a predictable environment fitting for our little ones who struggle with separation anxiety to offer a sense of security. To promote a predictable environment, we require that children who attend our Toddler program are dropped off no later than 9:15am and picked up any time after 3:00pm.

Our toddlers are learning throughout the entire day and are provided with many opportunities to have independent play, teacher facilitated activities, small group activities, outside play and repetition.

Through our early learning program we offer more structure to their routines than in the infant classrooms. Our toddler rooms provide scheduled eating and nap times. Language and self-help skills will be promoted through simple sign-language communications. Enhanced coordination will be worked on through a variety of large motor tasks and fine motor tasks. Art and crafts will enhance creativity and fine motor skills. We will also introduce eating utensils and continue using sippy cups until about 18 months of age. At 18 months of age your toddler will start drinking from a regular cup.

Your toddler will be engaged in a literacy rich environment and doing math through sorting, puzzles, exploring cause and effect and using flashcards to explore the world around them learning basic body parts, animal sounds and much more.

**Daily reports** are provided to update each child's family on feeding, nap times, diapering and all other activities accomplished each day.

**Progress Reports** will be provided as your child is about to graduate from classroom to classroom. These reports will be a tool to communicate how your child is measuring on recommended milestones from the American Academy of Pediatrics.