

The Pinnacle® Press



Dear Parent,

We are very excited about beginning a new school year with you and your family! Caring for your infant is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is our goal to provide the very best quality care possible for your baby. By working together with you, we can promote the healthy growth and development of your child.

Throughout your baby's day, the caregiver routines are designed to provide meaningful interaction between him/her and the caregiver. As the babies are fed and diapered, they are talked to and loved.

In addition to the positive interactions that take place as caregivers meet the immediate physical needs of the children, we provide a specific curriculum plan to ensure that the basic areas of development are addressed with each infant. Our infants' curriculum focuses on five areas of individual development for each child:

- Sensory Exploration (using all five senses to explore one's surroundings)
- Social/Emotional (your baby's awareness and positive image of him/herself and others)
- Fine Motor (using hands and fingers)
- Gross Motor (using the whole body)
- Language/Cognitive (understanding and using words)

Each week, caregivers help babies in each age level (newborn to three months, three to six months, six to nine months, and nine to twelve months) perform specific activities for each of the areas of development. The infant curriculum also includes songs and finger plays, art activities, and outdoor activities.

There is an overall theme for each month of our curriculum, with several different focus units for each theme. Our September theme is "My Wonderful World." Weekly focus units for this month include:

- "I Am Special"
- "My Family"
- "My Friends"
- "My School"
- "My Neighborhood"

Pinnacle Curriculum also provides the teachers in your child's school with a faith-based focus. Your child may be too young to fully understand scripture, but they will definitely respond to the Christian love and nurturing your child's teacher will provide. Weekly Bible themes help establish a loving, Christian atmosphere in every room in the school.

From time to time, we'll ask you to provide things from home to help us implement our curriculum. We'll be counting on your help! It's never too early to get involved in your child's education.

Are you wondering what you might be doing to enhance your baby's development at home? Keep your infant's baby book up-to-date by recording milestones and "firsts" as your baby accomplishes them. You will treasure these memories later! Try to make a weekly entry to remind yourself of some of the special things your baby did that week. Changes happen so rapidly at this stage of development. Take pictures if you can and put them in the book. Be sure to label each with baby's name, age and tell a little bit about what is happening in the picture. Show your baby the photos you place in the book and tell him or her all about them. As you look together at pictures of your baby, tell him or her how very special he or she is to you and how much you love him or her!

Please allow your child bring a favorite baby blanket, stuffed animal or other "love" to school. The familiar smell and feel will be comforting!

If you have any questions about what we have planned for your child's day, please ask us! Communication between parents and caregivers is critical in infant care. We are here for you whenever you need us.

It's going to be an exciting month!

Sincerely,

Infants' Caregiver