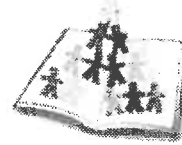


The Pinnacle® Press



Dear Parent,

Beginning a new school year is a very exciting time, and we are happy to be sharing it with you and your family! Caring for your growing toddler is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is our goal to provide the very best quality care possible for your child. By partnering with you, we can promote the healthy growth and development of your child.

Throughout your child's day, much meaningful interaction takes place between him/her and the caregiver. The children are talked to and loved during the daily caregiver routines.

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 toddler. Our toddlers' 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 child'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, there are specific activities planned to develop skills in each of these areas.

The classroom will be set up in learning areas (centers). Because we know that young children learn best at play, frequent changes to the learning center environments will invite the hands-on exploration that is most appropriate for your child at his/her stage of development. Pinnacle Curriculum also includes fingerplays, art activities, and outdoor play.

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.

We encourage you to support the reading of the day by making bedtime reading a ritual at home. Pick some colorful books with lots of pictures, cuddle your toddler in your lap, and read away! Look for books in your public library if you don't have many at home. You can even make books yourself by cutting colorful magazine pictures out and pasting them into a "book." Reading to your child is the single best thing you can do to prepare your child to read and to enjoy it! Have fun!

Please let your child bring a favorite baby blanket, stuffed animal or other "lovey" 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 child care. We are here for you whenever you need us!

It's going to be an exciting month!

Sincerely,

Toddlers' Caregiver