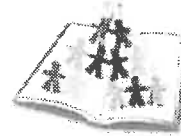


The Pinnacle® Press



Dear Parent,

A new school year is a very exciting time, and we are happy to be sharing this time with you and your family! Caring for your child is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is our goal to provide the very best quality care possible for your child. By working together with you, we can promote his/her healthy growth and development.

Throughout your child's day, the caregiver routines are designed to provide meaningful interaction between him/her and the caregiver. As daily routines are implemented, the children 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 child. The two-year-olds' curriculum focuses on these areas of individual development for each child:

- Language (using words to communicate)
- Creative Arts (experimenting with a variety of art materials)
- Science/Sensory (learning about our world and using all our senses to do so)
- Dramatic Play (playing house, dressing up, using puppets, etc.)
- Math/Manipulative (using smaller hand muscles to arrange puzzles and other toys)
- Blocks (creating and manipulating with blocks and other materials)
- Music/Movement (singing songs and fostering rhythm)
- Outdoor Learning (organized play for those who desire it)

Large group and small group activities are also included in the daily routine.

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.

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 will hear Bible stories and learn verses while benefiting from 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!

One thing you can do to enhance your child's development at home is by singing! Since language is emerging rapidly at this age, singing is a fun thing to do with your child! Yes, you CAN sing! Make up silly songs and sing them together while you march around the house. Let your child feel special by letting him or her pick the songs and lead YOU on the march around the house! Sing while you're riding in the car and sitting in traffic. Sing while you bathe your child. (You probably know the "Rubber Ducky" song!) Ask your child's teacher for words and tunes to some songs they are singing in class if your child seems to enjoy them.

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,

Two-Year-Olds' Caregiver