

Early Start Children's Center

The Toddler Curriculum

The Toddler Curriculum -- extends an "invitation" to toddlers by providing them the appropriate learning opportunities, activities and materials which help them grow in all areas of development: motor, social, language, and cognitive.

September

"School Days" Learning About Others and Ourselves; Learning Where Things Belong!

- ❖ Farm Animals –farm animal sounds
- ❖ Color – red
- ❖ Senses – hearing
- ❖ Vocabulary –barn, cow, horse, pig, rooster, tractor
- ❖ Gross Motor – clapping
- ❖ Fine Motor - painting

October

Fire Fighters and Police Officers – Recognize and Roll Play

- ❖ Halloween – pretend
- ❖ Color – orange
- ❖ Senses – sight
- ❖ Shape – circle
- ❖ Number – 1
- ❖ Vocabulary – scarecrow, pumpkin, policeman, fireman, EXIT, fire truck
- ❖ Gross Motor – marching
- ❖ Fine Motor – fill and dump containers with sand

November

Thanksgiving – What is it?

- ❖ Table Manners
- ❖ Color – brown, review orange
- ❖ Senses – review hearing & sight
- ❖ Number – 2
- ❖ Vocabulary – turkey, table, owl, pie, potatoes
- ❖ Gross Motor – jumps with 2 feet
- ❖ Fine Motor – tears paper and glues

December

The Spirit of the Season

- ❖ Giving and Sharing
- ❖ Color – green, review red
- ❖ Senses – smell
- ❖ Shape – square
- ❖ Number – review 1 & 2

- ❖ Vocabulary – Christmas Tree, bell, present, Santa, wreath, stocking
- ❖ Gross Motor – walks on tiptoes
- ❖ Fine Motor – turning pages in a book
- ❖ Opposites – big/small

January (Progress Reports – Observation and Testing)

Healthy Me! Fighting Germs!

- ❖ Good food, exercise, sunshine, fresh air, sleep
- ❖ Using tissues and washing hands
- ❖ Winter is cold!
- ❖ Color – blue, review brown
- ❖ Senses – taste
- ❖ Number – 3
- ❖ Vocabulary – snow, snowman, strawberry, carrots, cocoa, marshmallows
- ❖ Gross Motor – rolls ball back & forth with control
- ❖ Fine Motor – practice snipping with scissors
- ❖ Opposites – hot /cold
- ❖ Self-help – uses spoon without spilling

February

I Can Do It Myself!(Hang up own coat, Start dressing self, Uses mailbox, Practice putting out bedding)

- ❖ Valentine’s Celebration
- ❖ Recognizing happy, sad, mad
- ❖ Dental Health
- ❖ Color – purple
- ❖ Shape – heart
- ❖ Number – review 1,2,3
- ❖ Vocabulary – heart, dentist, sad, happy, tooth brush, tooth
- ❖ Gross Motor – imitates circular motion
- ❖ Fine Motor – colors with large crayon

March

This is My Country!

- ❖ St. Patrick’s Celebration
- ❖ Doctors and Nurses
- ❖ Spring is Here!
- ❖ Color – review green & purple
- ❖ Number – 4
- ❖ Vocabulary – flag, nurse, shamrock, bunny kite, clouds
- ❖ Gross Motor – bends at waist to pick up object without falling
- ❖ Fine Motor – simple puzzles
- ❖ Opposites – wet/dry

April

Make Mother Nature Happy (Keep the environment clean)

- ❖ Self- Concept (I Am Special!)
- ❖ Bike Safety
- ❖ I Can Make a Flower Grow
- ❖ Color – yellow, review blue
- ❖ Senses – touch
- ❖ Shape – triangle
- ❖ Number – review 1,2,3,4,
- ❖ Vocabulary – trash, sun, moon, rain, sunflowers, bicycle
- ❖ Gross Motor – walks up stairs alone
- ❖ Fine Motor – strings beads
- ❖ Opposites – boy/girl

May

My Mom's Special!

- ❖ My Family
- ❖ Pets
- ❖ Proud to be an American
- ❖ Color – black, review yellow
- ❖ Number – 5
- ❖ Vocabulary – Mom, Dad, house, dog, cat, family, bumblebee
- ❖ Gross Motor – Walks down stairs alone
- ❖ Fine Motor – uses scissors

June

My Dad's Special!

- ❖ Teacher's Choice Unit
- ❖ I'm a Big Boy/Girl Now
- ❖ Summer is Fun
- ❖ Color – rainbow color review
- ❖ Number – review 1,2,3,4,5
- ❖ Vocabulary – rainbow, slide, sand box, ladybug, watermelon, butterfly
- ❖ Gross Motor – hops on 1 foot
- ❖ Fine Motor – builds 6 block tower