

Green Frogs (24 months to 36 months)

This classroom provides well-supervised play to help toddlers develop self-control, cooperation, and communication through positive interaction with their peers. These toddlers have many opportunities to play and assert their newly acquired independence of being a two-year old.



We currently use the *Creative Curriculum* for two-year-olds. Primary Care is practiced in this classroom with a ratio of one caregiver to six toddlers, with a maximum of eighteen toddlers in the classroom. Primary care groups allow the children to build a deep connection with an adult. This establishes a sense of safety and trust between the children and the adults in the room.

The focus of the green room is to help our students learn how to create relationships and express their feelings and communicate effectively. We also stimulate their senses with various projects and classroom centers. Their small motor skills are strengthened while coloring, gluing on googly eyes, putting puzzles together and a gamut of other activities. Large motor skills are exercised in the gym playing with balls, and hula-hoops as well as outside on the playground going down slides, riding bikes, and climbing the jungle gym. Meals are served pre-plated style at tables. Naps are taken every afternoon.

Positive reinforcement helps to encourage positive behavior while redirection helps to curb negative actions. We encourage the students to talk about why they are upset and what we can do to solve the problem.

Potty training is also a life skill that we work on in the green room. At first, we introduce the toilet at diaper changes, giving your child a chance to sit on the toilet and become more comfortable with it. As your child becomes more independent using the toilet, we encourage them to try to go the bathroom every couple of hours, but never force them to go. They can use the restroom whenever they feel the need.

When your child is ready to start the process, we will work together to select a start date. We have found that if the parents start potty training the weekend before your child starts at the Center it helps to transition your child from diapers to underwear.

Toddler's Poem
Author: Unknown

Two little eyes
Discovering what's new
Two little hands
Touching everything in view
A sweet little voice
Asking you why
A mischievous smile
And a whimpering cry
Two little feet
Jumping on the floor
A toddler's mission
is to explore