

# Program Information

## **Little Village Program Priorities:**

- To provide a responsive environment within which each child is able to explore and expand his/her knowledge
- To recognize each child as a unique individual with his/her own strengths
- To redirect and discipline using positive reinforcements
- To provide a learning experience that is both enjoyable and self-rewarding for the child
- To create an environment for children encouraging the preparation and practice necessary to develop individual skill proficiency and positive social skills.
- To provide trained and experienced teachers who provide optimum professionalism and the most profitable learning experiences for the children.

## **Toddlers**

Little Village's toddler program is designed to nurture each child's social and emotional development while providing learning experiences that enhance development.

As the toddlers (18 months to 3 years old) desire increased independence, we provide them with more and more opportunities to make choices and to interact with their surroundings.

New experiences can be overwhelming at any age. Our toddler class makes your child's first school experience a positive one. With small class sizes and plenty of one-on-one interaction, toddlers develop the character they'll need for success in further school experiences. In the classroom, children build foundations in the basics of letters, sounds, shapes, colors, and numbers that will prepare them for later success. Toddlers develop healthy self-esteem in an environment where they are free to be themselves and grow into healthy, dynamic children.

## **Preschoolers**

Little Village's preschool programs are designed to nurture each child's social and emotional development while providing learning experiences that enhance development.

As preschoolers (3-5 years old), learning is thoughtfully and intentionally supported in the areas of social-emotional development, physical well-being and motor development, cognitive and general knowledge, language and literacy development, as well as approaches towards learning. Children learn skills to help them take care of themselves and each other. The teachers guide children in their learning and foster the skills of life-long learning.

Based on a firm knowledge of the letters and sounds, preschoolers are ready to form words, combine them into sentences, and start reading at an early age. Children discover how fun and practical math can be as they act out story problems, measure objects, and learn money values. The Little Village classes incorporate all of the senses to help children internalize knowledge and make it their own. Preschoolers are equipped with the critical thinking skills they need to tackle the added challenges of elementary school.

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## School-Aged Children

Little Village's before and after school school-aged program offers an environment for your child to transition between home and school. All school-aged children will be provided with opportunities to relax, socialize, have snack, be active, and complete homework. With our close partnership with Hiram College and the education department, college students will be creating a tutoring and homework assistance program.

**School cancelled? Don't fret!** Our program will be open all day to help cover your childcare needs on snow days, holiday breaks, and other days in which the public schools may close. Additional activities and field trips, including routine trips to the Hiram Village park and playground, will be added to spark the interests of the children enrolled.