

## **Kinderprep's Infant/Toddler Program**



### **Welcome to our Infant Toddler Program.**

As educators for over 20 years in Early Childhood Education we are excited to expand our program to infants and toddlers. Our preschool philosophy states, “We believe children need to be exposed to many different learning opportunities”. These opportunities must be presented in a fun, hands on and positive manner so that children have a wonderful first school experience.

The preschool years play an important role in a child’s life, but the very first years are just as crucial to a child’s development. The environment that an infant is placed in after birth sets the foundation of how that child is going to develop.

Kinderprep has created a warm, loving and safe environment for your infant or toddler. With our highly trained staff and bright, cheery classrooms your infant or toddler will thrive. As mothers we understand how tough it is to leave your infant/toddler to go back to work, school or because of issues that may arise unexpectantly. We want you to know that your babies are in good hands. Working closely with our parents is important in the development of your child. Just as we pride ourselves in our preschool programs with parent involvement, so do we in our infant/toddler programs. Your infant/toddler will be given the attention and care that you as a parent expect for your child. Daily reports, emails, photos and conversations will keep you and us abreast to your child’s needs. A daily schedule of age-appropriate activities will stimulate your infant/toddler to grow into a happy, independent, emotionally stable preschooler. Our Kinderprep family looks forward to working with your family as we embark on these “Early Beginnings” of life.

Lara and Jen

Directors/Owners



## Infant/Toddler Programs

### **Infants:**

We will have two infant classes. These classes will be children 6weeks-1 yrs. of age. Each of these classes will consist of 4 infants and one caregiver with a total of 8 children in this age group. They will have their own classroom and nap space.

### **Toddlers:**

We will have two toddler classes. These classes will consist of children 1yr-2yrs of age. Each of these classes will consist of 6 children and one caregiver with a total of 12 children in this age group.

We would like to keep these two classes with children of the same age. However, this may not apply if your child turns 2 in the middle of the school year. We group our 2yr. old preschool class according to when they will go to Kindergarten. All children in our 2yr. old preschool class must be 2 by October 1st. If your child turns 2 during the course of the school year then he/she will have to wait till the summer or fall to join into the appropriate class. Depending on enrollment we may have to adjust the classes. Ideally we would have equal ages in each class and they would stay in the class until the summer or fall when they would advance to the next class.

### **Schedules**

#### **Infants:**

Children in the infant classes will remain on their own individual schedules. Throughout the course of the day their schedules will include the following activities:

Language: Spoken to, Read to, listen to music, singing, encouragement of conversational language, silly rhyming games.

Sensory: playing with different sensory toys, experimenting with textures, water play.

Art: music opportunities, Instruments, Messy projects, dramatic play, role playing

Outside/Walk: Playground play or Small Neighborhood walks

Gross Motor: Encouraging movement, sitting, crawling, walking, hopping, and jumping.

Fine Motor: holding toys, grabbing for objects, manipulating smaller age appropriate objects, puzzles.

#### Toddlers:

Children in the toddler classes will participate in the following activities each day: Snack, Circle Time, Reading Activity, Art Activity, Sensory Play, Children's Choice Centers, Outside Time, Lunch, Nap, and Music –Movement Activity.

All these activities will be based on age and the children's interest level. We want to expose these early minds to as many learning opportunities as possible. "Young learners are eager learners."

#### Caregivers

Our caregivers at Kinderprep are highly qualified individuals. We look for caring, loving, kind and patient individuals. We set a high standard of care and learning in our infant/toddler program just like we have for the past 20 years in our preschool and Kindergarten. We look for staff members that are team players and work well with parents, other staff members and the directors. All caregivers go through background checks, are CPR & First Aid certified and must have experience working with this age group.

#### Needed Supplies

-2 Changes of clothing

-Formula/ bottles/pacifiers/drink cups/bibs/burp cloths

-Diapers/Wipes

-All Meals: Morning Snack, Lunch and Afternoon snack (should your child require additional snacks please include them in their lunchboxes) All dishes, utensils, bibs, etc. are to be supplied also.

-Crib Sheet and Blanket (1 will be used daily and sent home at end of the week the other kept at school should the other be soiled.)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME