



The Journey Through Our Toddler Programs

The toddler years mark a remarkable phase in a child's life, brimming with moments of growth, learning, and discovery. At The Pillars, we are dedicated to nurturing these precious years and guiding children through essential milestones that lay the foundation for their future.

Developmental Focus

Central to our program is the development of crucial social skills, such as learning to share. Toddlers engage in interactive activities that encourage cooperation and empathy, fostering relationships with peers that are built on understanding and kindness. Through these experiences, they begin to grasp the concept of sharing, an invaluable skill that will shape their interactions throughout life.

Academic Structure

Equally important are the pre-reading skills that toddlers cultivate during this period. Through engaging stories, rhymes, and interactive play, we ignite their curiosity and love for language. Our tailored activities stimulate their cognitive abilities, laying the groundwork for literacy and language fluency in the years ahead. Our Creative Curriculum framework provides the academic success your child needs to thrive as an early learner.

Physical Growth

Physical milestones, including potty training, are also significant achievements during the toddler years. Our program supports children in mastering these milestones with patience and encouragement, empowering them with newfound independence and confidence in their abilities. Children begin to show interest in potty training around the age of two, however, it's important to remember children can be very different. Pushing them to potty train too early can be a deterrent. Please remember that when your child begins to show interest in potty training, your teacher will initiate the conversation and you will begin bringing in 3-4 extra pairs of undergarments and clothing. Every child is different, so it's important to have patience while potty training as this process can take up to a couple of months to fully complete.

Social Interaction

Toddlers will develop social skills at an individual pace. Some children are quick to choose "friends" and others will engage in singular play. Neither is right or wrong and does not indicate a child's happiness within their environment. Some children are just not ready at a young age to interact with others for a full day. It's important for parents to remember, your young toddler is also working on impulse control. Often, they will take a toy from a friend, or physically exert themselves upon another child to obtain an item they find enticing. This does not mean the child is aggressive, and we do not punish them for these behaviors. Rather, we use these opportunities to teach children kindness, and how to share, emphasizing on keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. Rest assured, as they continue to socialize, they will learn these skills.

Communication

We encourage and value in-depth conversations with our teachers. To ensure dedicated time when your teacher can fully focus on your needs, we kindly request scheduling these discussions with the Director. This allows us to arrange for uninterrupted time outside of class hours, prioritizing the safety and attention of all children under our care.

The Pillars is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where toddlers thrive, embrace challenges, and celebrate their achievements. Together, we embark on a journey of discovery, paving the way for a future filled with endless possibilities.

Toddler Room Personal Belonging Reminders

- Children should wear closed-toe, hard-bottom shoes, and breathable clothing daily to facilitate outdoor play.
- Please provide a labeled sippy cup for water each day.
- Your child's naptime supplies, including mat and blanket, should go home every Friday for cleaning. Please take home all bottles, pacifiers, and sippy cups as well.
- To prevent mix-ups, please label your child's clothing with their first and last name, especially items like jackets which can easily be mistaken and taken home by another parent.
- Potty training children need up to three extra outfits a day. This should include extra pants, undergarments, socks, and shoes.