

Welcome to the Jungle Room!



A Guide to your Toddler's Day

Hello- We welcome you to the Jungle Room!

We are excited that you and your child will be joining our Jungle Room family. We have made this guide so that you will have an understanding of your child's day. We strive for open communication so please feel free to ask any questions, you may ask in person, or on the phone.

Teaching Philosophy/Curriculum

It is very important for 2 year olds to have a safe, structured environment where they can learn and grow. We provide an environment rich in warmth and nurturing so that your child can feel good about himself/herself throughout the day. We want to promote positive behaviors through encouraging and acknowledging all of the good your child is doing! We want to build on self-esteem, self-worth and help provide them a sense of identity during this crucial year.

Providing structure and routine in our daily schedule will give the children an increased level of comfort with all that we do. We not only work on social interactions and how to manage conflict resolution, but we focus on academics within our curriculum especially in our Circle Time and Groups. These are the times of day where we create many structured learning activities so that your child can build upon important skills. During those times we work on shapes, colors, appropriate language use, gross and fine motor skills, matching, and many other skills. We incorporate these skills throughout the day but during Circle and Group time we focus on them to help your child truly gain an understanding.

Schedule

7:00-8:00 - Arrival/Good Morning Activities

8:00-8:30- Breakfast Time

8:30-9- Free Play/Potty

9-9:10- Clean Up

9:15- 9:45- GYM - Group 1/Monkeys

9:15- 9:45- Jungle Rm- Group 2/Elephants: Circle Time/Centers

9:50 - 10:20- GYM - Group 2/Elephants

9:50 - 10:20- Jungle Rm- Group 1/Monkeys: Circle Time/Centers

10:20-10:40- Snack/Diapers/Potty

10:45-11:05 Outside Play - Monkeys

Inside Groups - Elephants

11:10-11:30 Outside Play - Elephants

Inside Groups - Monkeys

11:30-12:15- Lunch/Brush Teeth/ Diapers/ Potty

12:15-12:30- Story Time

12:30-3:00- Nap/Rest Time

3:00-3:30- Snack/Diapers/Potty

3:30-3:45- Free Play

3:45-4:30- Afternoon Circle/ Centers/ Monkeys & Elephants

4:30-5:30- Free Play/ Outside Play/ Pick-Up

Things your child will need:

- Diapers and wipes (check your child's daily note for when they need more)
- Crib sheet and blanket for rest time (bring in on Monday and it will be returned in your child's cubby on Friday to take home to wash over the weekend)
- Extra changes of weather appropriate clothing
- We will send home a note when seasonal items will be needed!

Potty Training

We highly encourage the use/trying to use the potty. It is part of our daily routine that during diapers each child will go into the bathroom and attempt to use the potty. We have a sticker reward chart so if your child pees on the potty they will get a sticker. Although it is encouraged, we do not ever force a child to use the potty. If you bring your child in underwear please provide at least 5 extra changes of clothing.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Every six months we provide parents the opportunity to meet with your child's lead teacher to discuss your child's development. They will provide you with a portfolio based on the State of Maine Early Childhood Learning Guidelines. It will include an observation summary and a check list provided by Creative Curriculum. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to get on the same page about your child's development and strategies to use. If you ever would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns please feel free to make a meeting.

We look forward to becoming part of your child's life and helping them grow in our classroom!

Thank you,

Miss Judy, Miss Amber & Miss Jessie

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