

Welcome to Tot Two!

We are very excited to welcome your child to our classroom! Below is a list of some information you may find helpful:

We provide a morning and afternoon snack. We will also provide milk, juice, or water throughout the day when requested and with meals.

Please send in a lunch that your child can feed him/ herself. All food that needs to be cut should be pre-cut at home.

Please send in a weather appropriate change of clothes that can be kept in your child's cubby.

Breakfast from home will be served until 8:00am. If it is brought in after this time we will save it and serve it with our morning snack at 9:15am.

We do a lot of messy activities, although your child will wear a smock for these activities, they may still get their clothing messy so it is best to wear play clothes to school.

Feel free to come in and visit or call to check on your child during the day. Our phone number is (586) 778-5811 and my email is acoates@ymcametrodetroit.org

Please label everything that comes to school with your child's name.

Your child will have a mailbox which is located under the sign-in sheets. Items that need to go home will be placed in the mailbox.

Send in a standard potty seat cover when your child begins potty training. Talk to your child's teacher about how you potty train at home so we can maintain consistency during the process.

Toddler Daily Schedule

6:30-9:00 Arrival/Breakfast (served until 8:00am) & Free choice

9:00 Diapers/Wash hands

9:15 Morning Snack

9:30 Circle time

9:45 Sensory Station/ Creative Expression/ Group games

10:30-11:00 Outside play/Large motor

11:00 Diapers/Wash hands

11: 15 Story time/ Puppet show

11: 45 Lunch time

12: 30-3:00 Nap time

2: 30- 3:00 Diapers/Wash hands

3: 15 Snack time

3: 45- 4:45 Outside/Large motor

4:45 Diapers/Wash hands

5:00- 6:00 Free Choice

What is play?

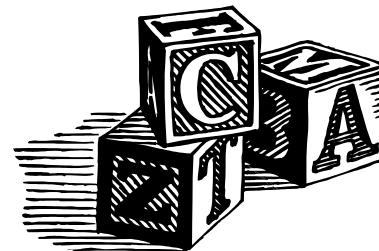
Play is spontaneous, active, and without regard for external goals and sanctions.

Play touches every aspect of developmental learning. In play, children are much freer to master new knowledge at their own rate and in their own way. This reduces the tension and anxiety that can inhibit learning. Thus, in play learning is fun and worry free. When children are engaged in play they are enjoying every minute of it.

Play is valued and respected as the principal way children learn.

(Susan Eden, Lorrie Higgins 1998)

We use a play based curriculum because we know true play is the way children learn, and that same play provides adults (teachers) with the insight into what a child-at that moment in time- is capable of learning. Play is the foundation of all life's lessons. It is a hands on way to experiment with challenge. To be problem solvers and is the best approach to ensure a child's continued enthusiasm and capacity for life-long learning.



Getting To Know Me!



My name is: _____

I was born on: _____

People who love me call me (nickname): _____

I call the people I love (child's name for parents, family members, loved ones, etc.): _____

My home language(s) is/are: _____

My favorite friends are: _____

These words are important to know (toileting words, comfort items, greetings): _____

My favorite foods are: _____

My meal times are: _____

I never eat (due to allergy, sensitivity, religion, culture): _____

When I go to sleep I need: _____

These things scare me: _____

These things comfort me: _____

My favorite music/song is: _____

My favorite things to do are: _____

My favorite place to go is: _____

I don't like: _____

I am happiest when: _____

This year my family hopes I will learn to: _____

Here are the words and actions to some of our favorite songs!

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys

Swinging in a tree (hold up three fingers move back and forth in a swinging motion)

Teasing Mister Alligator, (wiggle fingers by your ears)

Can't catch me, no you can't catch me (shake finger back and forth)

Along comes Mister Alligator, (move both hands together in a swimming motion)

Quiet as can be

And he SNAPS that monkey (clap hands together as you say SNAPS)

Right out of that tree!

Two little monkeys

Swinging in a tree

Teasing Mister Alligator,

Can't catch me, no you can't catch me

Along comes Mister Alligator,

Quiet as can be

And he SNAPS that monkey

Right out of that tree!

One little monkey

Swinging in a tree

Teasing Mister Alligator,

Can't catch me, no you can't catch me

Along comes Mister Alligator,

Quiet as can be

And he SNAPS that monkey

Right out of that tree!

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed. (have fingers jump up and down in the palm of your hand)

One fell off and bumped his head. (put your hand on your head)

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said, (pretend to be holding a

phone up to your ear)

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed." (shake finger)

(continue until you have no more monkeys left)

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud (hold up first finger on both hands and move and down as you sing)

One named quiet (hold up quiet finger and sing very quietly)

And the other named loud (hold up the other finger and sing very loudly)

Fly away quiet (sing quietly and wiggle your fingers as you hide "quiet" behind your back)

Fly away loud (sing loudly and wiggle your fingers as you hide "loud" behind your back)

Come back quiet (sing quietly as you bring quiet out from behind your back)

Come back loud (sing loudly as you bring loud out from behind your back)

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One named quiet (hold up quiet finger and sing very quietly)

And the other named loud (hold up the other finger and sing very loudly)

Baby Bumblebee

(Have child pretend to catch a bumblebee then keep hands cupped together as you swing them back and forth)

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee

Won't my mommy be so proud of me

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee

OUCH! It stung me (open hands when you say ouch)

(clap hands together in a squishing motion)

I'm squishing up my baby bumblebee

Won't my mommy be so proud of me

I'm squishing up my baby bumblebee

Ewww! I'm all messy

(wipe your hands on your pants)

I'm wiping off my baby bumblebee

Won't my mommy be so proud of me
I'm wiping off my baby bumblebee
YEA! I'm all clean

Three Little Hotdogs

(Move three fingers back and forth on the palm of your opposite hand)
Three little hotdogs frying in a pan
The grease got hot and the pan went
BAM (clap hands)

Now there are ..
(move two fingers in the palm of your hand)
Two little hotdogs frying in a pan
The grease got hot and the pan went
BAM (clap)

Now there is ...
(move one finger in the palm of your hand)
One little hotdog frying in a pan
The grease got hot and the pan went
BAM (clap)

(hold your hands together as you move them back and forth)
No little hotdogs frying in a pan
The grease got hot and the pan went
BAM (clap)

Little Bubbles

(hold up your fingers to count along as you sing)
One little, two little, three little bubbles
Four little, five little, six little bubbles
Seven little, eight little, nine little bubbles
Ten little bubbles go Pop! Pop! Pop! (Open and close hands)