

Toddler Program



The Learning Leaf
Child Development Center
A Loving Place to Learn & Grow

- **Ages:** 13 months - 23 months
- Combination of **RIE** & **Reggio Emilia Approach** to teaching and care.
- Developmentally Appropriate, High Quality Care:
- **Active, Hands-On, Open-Ended Play & Exploration.** Toddlers learn best when they can see, hear, taste, touch, and smell objects safely. Through exploration, toddlers begin to understand how the world works and how to solve problems.
- **Open Ended Projects** allow for connecting new ideas and skills to what toddlers already know and can do. Building upon what toddlers already know and drawing connections to new information is how Teachers help your child build knowledge. Teachers also connect learning to objects or themes that interest your child.
- **Observation & Documentation.** Teachers will observe children to discover how they learn and what they know and enjoy. Teachers will use this information to extend children's learning. By documenting what toddlers are doing and saying, through photographs, videos, notes, assessments, and recordings, will allow teachers to evaluate the information they collect about children to decide what experiences to give children next.
- **Adding Small Challenges** to activities so that children's skills keep growing. Teachers will offer suggestions that will encourage toddlers learn new skills and how things work in the world around them.
- **Defined Areas.** The classrooms will be divided into separate areas for sleeping, playing, eating, and changing diapers. That way, everything and everyone stays clean and safe.

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- **4:1 Teacher to Child Ratio.** Each toddler classroom will have 8 children with 2 Teachers monitoring the children at all times. Teacher aides will also be present to ensure that this ratio is always met.
- **Potty Training.** Toddlers will be introduced to toilets their size. Teachers will work with parents to create a potty training plan for each child.
- **Detailed Daily Reports** & Hi Mama and Kinderlime apps will be used for Parent-Teacher communication. Teachers will provide information to parents about each toddler's diapering/toileting, eating, sleeping, daily activity, and picture updates throughout the day.
- **Safety & Security.** Video Monitoring. The Director will be monitoring the classrooms at all times with constant classroom check-ins as well as through video cameras in the classroom.