

# Two Year Old Program



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

- **Ages:** 24 - 35 months
- **Reggio Emilia Approach** to teaching and care.
- Developmentally Appropriate, High Quality Care:
- **Active, Hands-On, Open-Ended Play & Exploration.** Two Year Olds learn best when they can see, hear, taste, touch, and smell objects safely. Through exploration, twos begin to understand how the world works and how to solve problems.
- **Open Ended Projects incorporating science, numbers, art, music, language, reading, and writing** allow for connecting new ideas and skills to what twos already know and can do. Building upon what two year olds learned from the toddler program 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 two year olds 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 two year olds 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 learning. That way, everything and everyone stays clean and safe.

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- **4:1 Teacher to Child Ratio.** Each two year old classroom will have 12 children with 3 Teachers monitoring the children at all times. Teacher aides will also be present to ensure that this ratio is always met.
- **Potty Training.** Two year olds will continue their potty training that began in the toddler program. 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 two year old's toileting, eating, sleeping, daily activity, and picture updates throughout the day.
- **Safety & Security.** Video Monitoring. Your child's safety is our number one priority. The Director will be monitoring the classrooms at all times with constant classroom check-ins as well as through video cameras in the classroom.
- The Reggio Emilia experience fosters children's intellectual development through a systematic focus on **Symbolic Representation**. Your Two Year Old will be working on:

- Spoken language
- Gestures
- Drawing
- Painting
- Building
- Clay & Wire Sculpture
- Shadow play
- Collage
- Dramatic play
- Music
- Emerging writing