

The Two-Year-Old class is often a child's first introduction to a setting away from home. Therefore, teachers comfort children who are distressed and provide support as two-year-olds attempt new tasks. Children will participate in a variety of developmentally appropriate activities. The Teachers prepare monthly lesson plans providing a variety of fun, educational experiences to develop physical, knowledge, and social emotional and communication skills. The environment is conducive to safe exploration with a variety of learning activities such as painting, building with blocks, manipulating puzzles, dancing and singing to music or playing with toys. Children are also given the opportunity to make simple choices and to do things for themselves. This introduction allows for a smooth transition to the three-year-old program.

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

To provide each child opportunities to:

- Feel secure in a setting apart from parents
- Engage in a wide range of self-selected activities
- Investigate and explore in a safe environment
- Communicate wants, needs and ideas appropriately and expand vocabulary
- Increase their attention span
- Develop a sense of spatial relations
- Enjoy rhymes, songs, finger plays, looking at books
- Enjoy parallel play with other children, sometimes with interaction
- Learn to share and take turns
- Show increasing sense of self, responsibility, competence, becoming more independent
- Develop self-control and self-calming techniques
- Notice sequence in routines
- Respond to and ask questions
- Help clean up
- Engage in pretend play
- Sit at a table with other children at snack time
- Develop toilet and hand-washing skills
- Manipulate crayons, paint brushes, paste & cut paper in open ended activities
- Learn appropriate social skills – "hi", "Good-bye", "please" and "thank-you"
- Recognize some colors and shapes and know their names
- Follow simple directions, understand rules of the classroom
- Develop self-confidence in growing social, cognitive, physical skills and creative expression
- Explore with the senses: touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing



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