

Welcome!

I would like to take a few moments to welcome you and your child to our class! We love to make new friends and enjoy getting to know both you and your child. Our class is run by me, Ms. Amber and Ms. Rosario. We share many of the same values and beliefs about how our classroom should run. We feel that creativity and the freedom to explore are the things that drive a toddler's willingness to learn. We strive to create a warm, inviting and fun environment where children have a choice in the daily routine, we have a schedule and generally stick to it, but some days just call for a little spontaneity and we like to keep the children engaged and interested in what we are doing each day.

As a valued new part of our "family" we welcome you to come in, hang out and look around our room. Check out our Montessori work, view your child's artwork on the walls, and have them show you our photos of family and friends. We love having you all here and having a child who loves their classroom and the friends inside of it makes a huge difference in their ability to learn and experience new things. I have found that when a child loves and feels supported in their class, they grow to understand that we respect them as a person and value their opinion and independence. I take great joy in incorporating each child and their family into our environment, so please, if you have a special holiday, favorite food, or even a different language spoken at home please share it with us so we can all share and learn about it at school! We even encourage you to bring in photos, decorations or other items you and your child would like to share with us. Whatever we can do to make our classroom more like your child's home away from home, the more comfortable and happy they will be each day.

In our class, we start introducing your child to the Montessori world by using some simple "work" items in a structured, open ended "work" time three times a week. During this time your child will develop skills such as scooping, pouring, sorting like items and identifying shapes and colors. We also LOVE to explore new sensory experiences- this can tend to get a little messy, but the children adore sensory time. This special experience can include water play, finger painting with shaving cream, watercolor ice painting, water bead play and playing in the sand or rice tables we have indoors and out.

Our goal is to guide your child to be as prepared as possible for Preschool and Pre-K, so we also incorporate learning colors, letters, identifying numbers and counting to at least ten in English and Spanish. When your child is ready we help with potty training. ALL OUR KIDS leave our class able to sit nicely at the table for meals and snacks, independently washing their hands and cleaning up after themselves. You might be amazed at what a 2 year old can do on their own!

Please know that this is your class too, talk to us, voice any concerns you may have, tell us your ideas, ask us any questions you may have- we love to hear it all and take every comment to heart.

Thank you for joining us, we look forward to each new day!

-Amber