

OUR PROGRAM FOR



Infants

As you know from your own child, babies are born to be sociable and loving. If they receive affection, reassurance, and support as infants, they learn to trust the world and themselves, becoming loving, secure children. Our center provides a safe, nurturing environment so your baby can gain the confidence to try new things. Among an infant's "first steps" are:

- Smiling and laughing out loud.
- Rolling over, sitting, crawling, standing.
- Finding hidden toys and enjoying simple social games.
- Responding affectionately to familiar, comforting faces.
- Babbling, imitating sounds, expressing emotions.

A loving caregiver and a dependable routine *are* a baby's "curriculum."

What they experience about the world around them is what they mirror as they grow.

That's why our teachers use routine activities such as diapering, feeding, and cleaning up as opportunities to talk to our babies about what we're doing and to interact with them in a gentle, nurturing way. At the same time, we listen, imitate, and respond to the sounds our babies make, respecting these as the beginning of communication.

Our *Infant Curriculum* provides numerous opportunities for infants to experience and explore their environment safely through simple activities involving language, gross motor, science and sensory experiences as well as fingerplays and songs. Babies who want to play will always find a willing adult for a game of Peek-A-Boo or Hide the Toy or Roll the Ball. In a quieter moment, there's a comforting lap to snuggle into for a story, a song or, maybe, just a gentle cuddle. And there are always familiar, loving arms to hold these little ones when they need security.

As babies learn to expect positive experience, they develop trust and emotional security. It is our great joy to provide an environment that can help your baby blossom.