



# Welcome to the Tiger's Classroom



Welcome to the Tiger's Classroom! Throughout a year in the two's classroom, children will experience many exciting changes. They will become more and more independent and want to actively explore their new environment. Our goals in the Two's classroom are to provide a safe, loving and stimulating environment for exploration, discovery and growth. Compared to the toddler routines, the amount of classroom structure is slightly increased, allowing special time for working on routines and activities in small and larger groups. We also focus on enhancing self help skills such as dressing and undressing, disposing trash after mealtimes, and cleaning up after our enrichment centers. Another big change from the toddler environment is that our Tiger's are now using regular drinking cups instead. We don't worry about any spills; Tiger Two's are usually very eager to help us clean up a little mess. Lastly, we prefer that our children do not bring any pacifiers into the classroom. However, if your two-year old is still too attached to this comfort object, we will help patiently to wean him or her off over an appropriate period of time.

Potty training becomes a major part this year in the development of your two-year old. We ask that you let us know when you consider starting the process at home, so that we can partner with you and your child during this developmental stage. Some of the signs that your child is ready for potty training are:

- Ability to verbally communicate needs and desires.
- Ability to pull up or down pants with ease.
- Regular well-formed bowel movements.
- Discomfort with wet or soiled diapers.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's readiness for potty training, please discuss them with us. This is a developmental stage where the collaborative partnership between teachers and families will make all the difference for the overall success.

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of items that your child needs on the first day in the Tiger Room:

- Two complete changes of clothing including pants, socks, shirts, and shoes. Check the outfits occasionally to make sure they remain seasonally appropriate.
- A blanket for naptime. It will go home on Fridays to be washed and needs to be returned on Mondays.
- 4-5 family pictures of parents, grandparents, and pets. We will add them to our family wall display. When choosing the photos, please keep in mind that we will not be able to replace them.
- ***LABEL EVERYTHING you bring into the center. We do our best to find misplaced objects but sometimes we are unsuccessful.***

Last but not least, we would like to reiterate our Center's open-door policy. Please know that you are always welcome and feel free to visit our classroom at anytime. In fact, there are many times where you can be of great help. We like to hear your feedback and suggestions since we are striving to accommodate the needs of each and every family. Call us anytime at our classroom line, 703-378-3408. We will be glad to discuss your concerns and/or your child's progress.

We are excited to having you as part of our ILC family.

**Your Tiger Teachers**