



Akers Academy

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Toddlers

Your toddler will have an exciting, exploring, stimulating environment where he or she will be safe, challenged and loved.

What an exciting time, for your little one will be exploring the world on his or her own: crawling, climbing, pushing and pulling, using every small and large muscle they have and learning all the way! Our teachers will promote a sense of discovery in a fun, constructive program. Yoga, sign language and Spanish enhance our curriculum and opens new doors to your toddler's learning experience!

Exploring: Our toddler program stimulates the developmental stages and growth of language, large and small muscle activities and socialization. Toddlers will have a consistent program and daily schedule. Centers will have:

- Push and pull toys, scooters, balls, climbing soft areas and outdoor play will all enhance the large muscle development of your child along with directed "concept" games of in/out up/ down etc.
- Puzzles
- Soft building blocks
- Housekeeping/Creative play
- Discovery toys (toys that initiate a response if you push, pull, tap etc)

A healthy sense of acceptance by their teacher will foster trust and enhance self-concept. Our teachers will be meeting your little ones needs in a loving, positive way.

Language: Language develops at this stage and children will be enticed to express themselves through the use of name games, puppets, stories and creative play at housekeeping center. Our parents will be part of this process and receive daily notes of their toddlers activities and routine for the day. Activities that will foster growth:

- Circle Time – Toys for Discovery - Housekeeping - Story time - exploring games Imitating - Story times, rhymes and finger plays - Puppets

Social Skills: Children will work in small groups and independently. Play areas will have

- Climbing feature - Musical instruments - Discovery areas - Books

Children will do simple art projects, sensory activities, start to recognize, animals, color names and introduce shapes. Life Concepts of sitting, self feeding, and clean up will all be introduced and worked on.

Your toddler will start on the long-range goals of:

- **Competence**-ability developed in language, self-expression
- **Co-operation**-to enhance self-concept (praise and imitation)
- **Autonomy**-working on their own, making own choices and discovering
- **Creativity**-doing art, music, movement their way

Each skill will increase and develop through out the program. This is an exciting time for you toddler as a new world opens for discovery!