

# ART AND SOUL MONTESSORI INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAM

PLAY ✿ LEARN ✿ GROW

Dr. Maria Montessori defined the first three years of life as the “unconscious absorbent mind stage.” Infant and toddlers absorb everything from their environment without any conscious censorship. Therefore, our program directors take an organic approach focused on ‘Whole Child Growth’ and provide a developmentally appropriate learning and play environment that is safe and nurturing.



Unlike a traditional day home routine, our infant/toddler programs are carefully designed to provide a structured yet home like routine for younger children. Our toddler classrooms offer age-appropriate Montessori apparatus that is used to develop their gross and fine motor skills, promote sensory experience, independence/social skills, and their physical and mental movement. Outdoor environment is an essential component of our daily program and it provides rich experiences for infant and toddlers. Families receive a daily report from program directors that outlines their child’s daily activities and overall progress.

PRACTICAL LIFE | SENSORY | INDEPENDENCE | SOCIAL | MOTOR SKILLS

## TODDLER CURRICULUM

Our Toddler curriculum emphasizes specific skills, but there is dynamic interplay among the areas, enhancing children’s natural learning process. For children of this age, exposure to well-spoken language is key to developing the ability to communicate. Through conversation, manipulating objects and contact with others, children are exposed to new vocabulary and modes of expression. These experiences in a variety of activities, such as singing, rhyming, poetry, dramatic play, story readings, puppetry, art and language lessons stimulate toddlers to blossom into communicators

Sensorial activities assist Toddlers in the great task of organizing, integrating, learning about their sensory input while refining fine motor development and fostering concentration.

Our age-appropriate learning environment is designed to enable children to move freely and define their work space.

The Toddler art curriculum offers experiential art activities that foster process over product and allow children the freedom of going through the crucial stages outlined above. Children are exposed to different mediums such as painting, printmaking, pottery, drawing, collage, and sculpture, along with a variety of tools to inspire sensorial and physical exploration.

Toddlers engage in mathematical thinking by exploring with their senses and engaging in sequencing activities.



## DAILY SCHEDULE

07:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Breakfast
08:30 – 09:00	Free play
09:00 – 10:00	Circle Time
<b>SNACK TIME</b>	
10:00 – 11:00	Outdoor time
11:00 – 12:00	Montessori activities
<b>LUNCH TIME</b>	
01:00 – 03:00	Nap / Sleep time
03:00 – 03:30	Reading / Story time
<b>SNACK TIME</b>	
04:00 – 04:30	Outdoor activities
04:30 – 05:30	Free play and pick-up