



...Itty bitty steps to the next class
Monkeys , Foxes, Lions

Major skills your child will be working on:

- #1 **Potty Training** – This is the “potty training room”. We will begin potty training once your child has had the time to adjust to our new room. Parent participation at home is strongly encouraged to help your child develop an interest in potty training, since this process can take time.
- #2 **Sippy cups and pacifiers** – Our goal is to help your child develop a sense of independence, so we ask that you do not bring in pacifiers or sippy cups into the classroom. We work on drinking out of regular cups during breakfast, lunch, and snack time. Pacifiers often wind up lost or in other students’ mouths, so eliminating them from the classroom will be beneficial to all.
- #3 **Circle Time** – During circle time we work on the alphabet, shapes, numbers, and color recognition. Books are read to the children daily and we sing lots of songs during circle time. We also focus on social and emotional development through books and songs about feelings and manners. Each child will have the opportunity to bring in special toys from home when it is their “Share Bag Day” and share these items during circle time.
- #4 **Tracing & Coloring**- Two year olds love to scribble, color, and explore their creativity. We work on controlled coloring and tracing. These pre-writing skills help develop and improve their fine motor abilities.

What you can do to help your child:

Potty Training – Parents can help their child through this challenging experience by working with them at home. When you feel your child is ready, just let us know and we will work with your child to help ensure a positive experience. Please feel free to talk to us with any questions you have regarding potty training.

Table Time Etiquette – Children will feed themselves during breakfast, lunch and snack time. Through trial and error they learn how to hold their utensils (mainly spoons in this class) and how to scoop up their own food. Please let your child practice feeding themselves and using regular cups instead of sippy cups at home. This will help promote a positive feeding experience when they’re at school.

Self Help Skills – Giving your child the opportunity to “dress themselves” or at least try, will come in handy especially as the winter months approach. Putting on their own jackets, hats, or even being able to pull their pants up will surely give them a sense of accomplishment and will also help you out, too. While not all children will succeed immediately, please continue to practice these skills at home.

Where is Your Child’s Amazing Work?

Please check your child’s folder weekly. The children love to show their parents how proud they are of their work.

One Last Thing –

Transitioning to a new room - Often transition can cause stress for your child for the first couple of weeks. It is normal. Crying, not wanting to eat, or sleep at naptime are all normal behaviors and should diminish as your child becomes familiar with their routine and teachers. We ask that if this situation occurs with your child, reassuring your child that they will be just fine and a quick drop off in the mornings will help everyone and everything run more smoothly.

We are looking forward to a great school year with your child and hope that this will help answer any questions as well as inform you of some of the things we will be working on. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to us.