

Welcome to the Toddler Room at Future Generation Early Learning Centers!

Below you will find some information about our program as well as information specific to the Toddler Room:

Our program provides a consistent, yet flexible schedule that offers choices rather than making demands. The High Scope daily routine is geared toward providing children with many opportunities to explore and experiment with real life objects. These items enable children to learn at their own stages of readiness.

The Toddler class schedule consists of several basic components: Arrival/Departure, Mealtime, Bodily Care Routines, Group Times, Outside Time, and Nap Time. I can ensure that your child will encounter many great experiences as I will stay involved and fully interact with each individual child. Your child will learn through hands-on-exploration. Children are in fact, young scientists, and explorers. They love to imitate and pretend throughout their play. Most of all, they are determined to touch, taste, and examine anything that is put in front of them. Play situations that may look like a disaster (a mess to clean up, noise, continuous banging, ice trays full of sand, cardboard tubes lined up) are all delightful signs of children's development and progress. In their ongoing attempts to master the universe, children will make messes and learn because of this. By offering our children a safe and nurturing environment that fosters their total development and enhances their self-esteem, we allow them to realize that they can do whatever they put their mind to.

We also allow them the opportunity to make mistakes and learn what to do the next time they are in the same situation to have a different outcome.

We will also incorporate potty training, self-feeding, dressing, and undressing, and clean up as vital learning experiences. Mealtimes are a very important part of our day. We will focus on using big-kid cups and spoons. Please try to remember this when packing your child's lunch. While we are toilet training, we ask that only clothing with elastic waistbands are used. They are much easier for the children to pull on and off.

Please remember your child is just beginning to discover who he or she is. They are indeed separate individuals who can be heard, seen, and understood. With this discovery comes the realization of their likes and dislikes. Temper tantrums with disregard and persistent use of the word NO! are frequently seen in the Toddler Room. Together, we can help your child through this developmental stage.

We are asking for your assistance in maintaining a strong home/school partnership. Future Generation always encourages developmentally appropriate practice. Please ensure that you communicate with us on the Tadpoles app and provide me with any information you feel necessary particularly regarding your child's eating or toilet training.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting your child to me. We hope that you have peace of mind that your child is in Future Generation's care. Our door is always open, and we encourage you to stop by and join us for group time or to share your favorite children's book.

Working together,

The Toddler Room Staff

Below you will find a list of items your child will need to make your child's stay more comfortable. Please have all these items by your child's first day of school. These items will ensure your child's success in their daily routine.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS**

*2 changes of seasonally appropriate clothing (full outfit including socks)*

*2 more outfits if child is potty training*

1 elastic **CRIB** sheet

1 receiving blanket

1 Clorox wipes

1 box of tissues

1 bottle of shaving cream (for sensory activities)

1 box of Jell-O (for sensory activities)

1 package of Kool aid (for sensory activities)

1 package of baby wipes

1 book bag or backpack to go home on Friday (sheets MUST fit in the book bag)

1 lunch box to go home every day

1 Family Pictures

Lunch Every Day – Please label all Tupperware and reusable items.

If you choose to send in a sippy cup – please be sure it is labeled as well.  
(We will begin to drink from regular cups in the Toddler Room, so we do not encourage this)