

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

We are so glad that you have joined our family. Below you will find information that is specific to the Infant Classroom:

This year we will continue to implement the High Scope curriculum. This program provides your child with a consistent yet flexible schedule that offers choices rather than demands. The High Scope daily routine and schedules are geared for children to have the opportunity to explore and experiment real life objects at their own stage of readiness. As the saying goes; "One person's trash is another's person treasure". That's why we encourage you to bring in items such as egg cartons, soda bottles, old film canisters, newspapers, magazines, wallpaper, old containers, extra cloth material and empty dish detergent bottles.

The schedule will include seven basic components: Arrival and Departure, Feeding and Mealtime, Bodily-Care Routines, Nap Time, Choice Time, Outside Time, and Group Time. All these experiences will be viewed as vital learning to ensure that each child develops a close, reliable, affectionate relationship that will sustain him or her while away from home. Each child will be assigned a primary caregiver. In our infant setting our goal is to build a strong, supportive relationship between your child, family, and we as the caregiver team. These relationships can help maintain the vital connection already established in your home.

Our classroom will be labeled with symbols created using the first letter of your child's first name. These symbols will be letter linked to develop your child's awareness of sound. In this way, your child will feel as though they have their own space and recognize the symbol as their own. Each day when you drop your child off in the classroom it is important that you place your child's picture into the "here" portion of us in/out board. This process will help your child learn the difference of being here at school and away from home.

Please make sure you fill out all pertinent information on the Tadpoles app before checking your child into the center. It is especially important for us to know when the last time they ate, drank etc. was. Also, please do not forget to tell us if there is anything, we should know about their behavior that is outside of the norm. Tadpoles is the first place that we check when we notice that something is "a little off" with your child. We welcome the opportunity to always communicate with you, please remember that we are always just a phone call away!

Parents are encouraged to provide all the materials necessary to make their child feel as comfortable as possible. On the following page you will find a list of supplies and some suggestions to ease into the transition from home to our child care center.

Growing Together,

The Infant Room Teaching Team

**Your infant will need the following labeled items:**

FOR YOUNGER INFANTS:

- ❖ 1 fitted crib sheet (PLEASE NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD'S CRIB EACH WEEK)
- ❖ Formula/extra formula

FOR OLDER INFANTS and TODDLERS:

- ❖ 1 fitted crib sheet
- ❖ 1 receiving blanket (if sleeping on a cot)

OTHER ESSENTIALS TO BE BROUGHT AT PARENT/GAURDIAN DISCRETION

- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Baby Wipes for clean up after messy projects.
- ❖ Sensory items - Jell-O, pudding, cool whip, whipped cream, rice, and large pasta(rigatoni)
- ❖ Large Ziplock bags
- ❖ Duct tape
- ❖ Bubble wrap
- ❖ Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- ❖ Bubble solution

PACKED DIAPER BAG OR BACKPACK

- ❖ 2 changes of seasonally appropriate clothing (including onesies/socks)
- ❖ 2 soft bibs (for teething babies)
- ❖ 1 large plastic bib for feeding.
- ❖ 1 bottle per feeding - to be sent home each day to be sterilized.
- ❖ 1 sippy cup (if needed)
- ❖ Pacifier (if needed) \* will only be given to soothe a child who is going to sleep\*- no straps please!

***BE SURE TO LABEL ALL ITEMS***

\*\*Please be advised that a Doctor's Note is required for diaper cream  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.