

St. Paul Early Learning Center
2 1/2 Year Old Program

Curriculum Goals

This “pre-preschool program has been designed with our youngest learners in mind. Children will have the opportunity to socialize with other 2.5 year olds in a group setting just for them! The low teacher/student ratio will allow endless opportunities for growth and development.

Social/Emotional Development

- Engagement in solitary and parallel play
- Introduction to sharing and empathizing with others
- Adjusting to being away from parents for short periods of time
- Participation in small group activities

Self-Care/Responsibilities

- Washing hands with limited assistance
- Progression with toileting skills
- Choosing from several activity options with limited assistance
- Beginning to participate in clean up
- Gaining a foundation for classroom behavior

Language Skills

- Communicating and sharing ideas/feelings with peers and teachers
- Enhancing vocabulary through language acquisition, activities, pretend play and storytelling

Fine Motor Development

- Large focus on pincer grasp/activities which strengthen hand and finger muscles
- Experimenting with various tools such as pencils, crayons, paintbrushes, etc...
- Working with puzzles

Cognitive Development

- Counting
- Observing and asking questions
- Naming colors and simple shapes
- Beginning to recognize name in print
- Naming body parts
- Investigating the world around them

Physical Development

- Outdoor play which includes running, climbing, sliding, ball play, and pedaling a bike
- Indoor play in gym
- Dancing and music/movement activities