



## **Welcome to the Infant Room**

Are you anxious about leaving your child for the first time? At Monkey See Monkey Do our small group size allows you the opportunity to develop trusting relationships with the teaching team. Your child's daily schedule is accommodated by the educators so we know exactly when your child needs to nap, eat and have quiet activity. We work closely with you to understand your child's unique schedule and needs. Daily written communications of your child's day helps keep you connected.

Our Infant program provides learning activities that are developmentally appropriate by stimulating the Infants through an enriched learning environment. The children are able to learn freely at their own pace through play and activities. Discovery is based on children's own experience and understandings. Infants are given opportunities to explore and discover with hands-on experiences through creative, fine motor and gross motor activities.

We also provide the following in our Infant classroom

- Separate sleep room
- Cleaning and safe environment
- outdoor play area
- Seasonal menus created by our Chef/ Home prepared meals optional
  
- Cooking lessons
- A stimulating setting that encourages exploration and learning
- Interactive toys that develop gross motor skills
- Nurturing Educators support and encourage your child to explore their surroundings

Our Staff are Professionals in early childhood education who provide an age-appropriate and educational curriculum for children will staff the centre. Our staff members are educated (Bachelor of Education and/or E.C.E.), dedicated, knowledgeable and caring individuals with extensive agency training and police reference checks. The teacher-to-child ratios are very low, beginning at 1:3 for infants

### **Infants 6 weeks to 12 months:**

Parents will have to provide the centre with their own snacks, lunch and beverages. All food will be stored in the classroom.

- a) the lunch/snack must be prepared and ready to serve, we will reheat the lunch/snack if necessary
  
- b) all of the food that you supply to the centre **MUST** be **NUT FREE** and **LABELED** with your child's **FIRST** and LAST NAME and placed in a separated lunch bag in our designated area/fridge within our kitchen
  
- c) any child with an allergy other than peanuts will sit at a separate high chair or table under the close supervision of a permanent room teacher
  
- d) All Ingredients must be listed and provided in the original container for all snack and lunches provided by the parent/guardian.
  
- e) All snacks and meals will be documented in parent communication book with meal schedule and instructions listed. This document will be kept in the classroom. It must be initialed by the staff and parent daily.

### **Infant's 12-18months:**

Children over 12 months can follow centre weekly menu plan and meal schedule. Any additional snacks and beverages such as Homo Milk can be provided by the parent otherwise.

Above all, we are experienced, warm professionals who will give your children the absolute best care within the nurturing and stimulating environment that we have created. We look forward to helping your children grow into inquisitive and curious little people. Please let us know of any support that you would like to lend or information that you feel would benefit our program and your children's learning opportunities.

## **Reminders:**

- Our program starts at 9:00am which includes special curricular activities and creative arts. Arriving early will ensure that your child takes part in all classroom activities and avoid disruption to the programs taking place.
- Make sure that you provide extra clothing in your child's cubby at all times. Please label all of your children's belongings. This reduces the chance of items being lost. Please send "inside shoes for your child during the winter months as they will need to change their boots for outdoor play. Don't forget to supply us with diapers, wipes and a sleep blanket in a storage bag. Sleep blanket will be sent home weekly to be washed.
- Please have your child come in with a bottle and Sippy cup each day that goes home each night to be washed 😊.
- During the warmer seasons please bring sunscreen and a hat.

# Infant Daily Routine

## 7:00-9:30am

Morning drop off  
Free Play  
Hand washing for am snack  
Am snack  
Diaper Changes  
Music Circle / Book Circle  
First Nap

## 9:30 - 11:00

Walk / Outdoor Time  
Creative/ Sensory Activities  
Fine Motor & Gross Motor Activities  
Small Group Play  
Nap/ Rest Time  
Diaper Changes

## 11:00 - 3:30

Lunch  
Diapers  
Clean up  
Free Play during clean up  
Naps  
Free play for children who are not sleeping  
PM Snack

## 3:30 - 6:00

Diaper Changes  
Small and Large Group Play  
Outdoor Time  
Free Play  
Afternoon Pick Up