

Twos Program Overview

What to expect:

We organize the year into themes that the children can relate to. Within those themes we provide activities that allow them to explore shapes, colors, sizes, number and letter recognition. Christ Clarion has a play based program, so the learning will take place as they explore the classroom. The children are offered fine motor activities, large motor activities, sensory play, and process art that revolve around each theme. Every day there will be an opportunity for each child to participate in a small group or one on one activity with the teacher. Most of the time this will be paired with an art project because it requires the most supervision at this age. Children sometimes will not want to be interrupted to come to the table for one on one time, and that's ok. We will not force them to do a project, the learning is taking place throughout the classroom and often we can join them as they move around the room to get that one on one time in. Everything that goes on in the classroom is preparing them for their following years of school. The children will be following a routine, sharing and playing with others, as well as beginning to form relationships. They will be learning to sit and listen at circle time and also to take part in group activities. Circle times will be short and active in the beginning, and stretch as the year goes on.

Drop off/Pick up procedures:

Parents will need to come in through the upstairs door and walk the children to the room. There will be a sign on the door that is unlocked. Please do not bring your children to the classroom before 9:15, as we are busy preparing for the day and there may not be a teacher in the room. There is a coat room off to the right as you come in the upstairs door for bags and coats to be hung. The doors will be locked around 9:30, if you are running late or your child will not be coming to school please let us know. Doors will remain locked until 11:05. When picking up your child, please use the same upstairs door and come to the large motor area upstairs. When weather allows we will end our day on the playground and you can pick up your child there, we will post a sign to let you know. There will be a cart near the coatroom with the children's water bottles and mailboxes, please be sure to check for papers going home each day.

Separation difficulties:

Every child responds differently to a new situation. Tears are normal. Let your child know that they are going to play at school for a little while, then they will come home and have lunch. We talk about lunch a lot because it's hard for children to understand time, and lunch time is something they can relate to. It is hard for children to trust that mom or dad will be back when they are not used to being left with anyone. If your child seems very anxious about going to school, make a plan for the afternoon so they know there will be an end to their school day and you will be back just after snack to do the next thing. If a child is having a hard time separating, we ask that you say good-bye and let us try to comfort and distract them. We will absolutely call you if your child is not calming down. We want the children to enjoy their time at school, together we will come up with a plan that will best suit your child.

Extra Clothes/Diapers/Wipes:

Please bring an extra outfit to keep at school, along with 3-4 diapers or pull-ups if you are using them. The school will have sensitive skin wipes available for the children. We will be playing in water a lot and they do get wet and want their shirt changed, feel free to keep a few extra at school or in their bag. If you are in the process of potty training, extra socks and shoes are good to have in your bags well. We will keep one set of extra clothes and their diapers at school so we will have them when needed.

Toilet training support:

Please keep us informed of your child's toilet training progress. We will work with your child wherever they are in the process to help them become successful. Please keep in mind that elastic waistbands work best during this time.

Sickness:

It is important to make sure your child is symptom free before coming to school. If your child develops any symptoms during their time at school, you will be contacted immediately for pick-up. Children are required to be symptom free for 24 hours after fever, diarrhea or vomiting before returning to school. Runny noses are common as the seasons change, we understand that. Keep in mind that children at this age are just learning how to cover their coughs and their first instinct is to wipe their nose with their sleeve. Please consider this before sending your child to school. If your child's nose is running to the point that it needs constant wiping or they have a persistent cough, we ask that you keep them home. If your child suffers from allergies, we ask that you please send in a doctors note to support that they are not contagious.

Snack:

We will provide snack daily, usually some type of cracker or pretzel. Please send a labeled water bottle for your child to use at snack. Notify teachers and director of any food allergies.

Birthday Celebrations:

We generally do not have big birthday celebrations in the Twos class because we find they don't truly understand yet. If you would like to send in a treat for their special day, you are welcome to do so as long as it is store-bought. We kindly request that you refrain from bringing cupcakes with frosting as we find that they only lick the top. Please keep in mind that we are a nut-free school.

Outdoor play:

We will go outside to play at the end of our day weather permitting. Once the weather turns cooler and hats and mittens are required, we will have large motor time indoors instead. There will be no need to send in winter gear other than what you need to get them from the car to the building.

Looking forward to a fantastic school year!

