

Little VICTORIES

FLEXIBLE CHILD CENTER
& PRESCHOOL

Welcome to the Busy Bees Room





Dear Families,

Welcome to the Busy Bees Room! We have put this packet of information together for you to tell you a little about our classroom expectations and curriculum. Our toddler classroom consists of children ages 26 months - 3yrs. Our classroom is set up in learning centers. These centers are designed for your toddler to have the opportunity to have hands-on learning at their own rate and interest. We have found that a toddler's best learning motivation is their own exploration. We use thematic units to interconnect the learning that is done in the classroom centers to the learning that takes place through organized activities. Our goal in this room is to also start encouraging self-help skills, develop better communication skills, improve motor development, and to build on their cognitive development.

We feel honored and excited to be working with your child and are excited of the opportunity to discover your child's unique personality, strengths and their challenges. If you ever, for any reason, have a question or concern regarding your child, please do not hesitate to talk to us. We also look forward to getting to know your entire family as we partner with you in the process of nurturing your child's growth and development.

Sincerely,

Cindy and Stephanie

General Little Victories Information

- 1. Extra Clothes:** Kids are kids and the best way to be a kid is to just get in there and explore things! Please dress your child in clothes that are meant to get dirty. We will *never* exclude a child from an activity because they may get dirty and you can expect to see some really good stains coming home! We like to do messy, wet, and creative activities during art, science and outdoor play and ask that you ***have at least one complete set of clothes at school*** to change into in case we get a little too messy, wet or creative. This consists of underwear, socks, pants/shorts and a shirt.
- 2. Summertime Reminders:** Due to state licensing guidelines, we are only allowed to apply sun block to children who have provided their own from home. Please bring a bottle of *sun block* to keep at school. We also would like to have children wear *sturdy shoes* that allows for safe running, climbing and riding. Flip-flops do not provide adequate support for young feet and make it extremely difficult to run and climb. Sandals that buckle and tennis shoes are much better for young children and as an added bonus, will keep those feet much more clean!!
- 3. Wintertime Reminders:** During the colder months, we enjoy exploring outside and enjoying all that the snow has to offer! If the temperature is above 10° with wind chill, we will adhere to

our outside schedule times. Please make sure to bring boots, snow pants, mittens (not knit as they get wet) and hats. Because many children have similar clothing, we ask that you **PLEASE LABEL ALL OUTDOOR CLOTHING.**

Busy Bee Information

- 1. Naptime Blanket:** Having a blanket and a small stuffed animal to snuggle with makes children feel more relaxed and calm, which means that they can fall asleep more easily. Blankets should be able to fit inside your child's backpack and cubby. We also ask that blankets be taken home on your last day of the week for washing and returned to school when your child next attends. This helps us all stay healthy!
- 2. Potty Training:** Many of our children are either beginning to potty train, in the process or newly potty trained. We know this is an exciting mile stone for children and we will work with you to help your child accomplish this. During the training period we will work with you to ensure that we are using the same methods and rewards that you are using at home which will allow things to go smoothly and much more efficiently. We also ask that you bring extra clothes during this time as we understand accidents do happen. Once your child is fully potty trained and developmentally ready, they will transition into our Preschool room (minimum age is 33 months).
- 3. Art:** We have art everyday in our classroom. Typically when we create a project we love to display the work on our walls for a week or so. After that we will place your child's art work in their folder or cubby which is located just inside our classroom door. Children create these with great pride and we want to share that with you.
- 4. Curriculum and How Children Learn:** As is stated in Little Victories curriculum overview statement: *Little Victories uses Developmentally Appropriate Practices set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in developing their theme based curriculum. Our Lead Staff ensures that your child will be given the opportunity to learn and grow using all of their five developmental areas: Physical, Emotional, Cognitive, Social and Creative.* We develop our thematic curriculum based on seasonal themes and the interests of the children. While we create a lesson plan each week, we are also acutely in-tuned with the teachable moments and remain flexible and open to change. We share the philosophy that young children learn best through Play as is supported in extensive research. If you have any questions regarding curriculum and learning, we encourage you to speak with us and to check out the NAEYC website at naeyc.org.
- 5. Daily Communication:** We believe that frequent communication with families is essential to the success of a child's educational experience. Children that are in attendance over 3 hours per day will receive a daily communication sheet that will give you all sorts of information on their day. We have a copy attached in this handbook for your review. Families that attend less than 3 hours per day may also receive a communication sheet upon request.

Busy Bees Weekly Lesson Plan

Theme: All About Foods

Week of: Nov. 28-December 2

Key Experiences and Outcomes

- Exploring Different Foods
- Textures
- Colors

Math Activities

- Comparing our likes and dislikes
- Sorting

Science Activities

- Different Taste
- Textures of

Group Time

("Songs", Finger plays, Sign Language and Books)

- Dora's Sharing Day Lunch
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Sign language for "Eat and "All Done"

Notes and News

- Please make sure to hang up snow pants at home to dry overnight so they are dry for the next day at school

Process Oriented Art Activities and Easel Activities

- Broccoli painting
- All about oranges
- Lemon
- Apple Pie
- Our dinner plate

Large Motor Activities

- Parachute
- Pushing shopping carts in our store

Small Motor Activities

- File Folders
- Block Towers
- Tracing

Dramatic Play

- Grocery store
- Our kitchen

Sensory Exploration

- Turkey Bone Dig
- Apple pie filling w/cherries and/or whip cream for apple pie!

Busy Bees Daily Schedule

6:30am	8:30am	Welcome/Discovery Centers
8:30am	8:45am	Breakfast
8:45am	9:00am	Diapers/Bathroom Break*
9:00am	9:45am	Art and Freeplay
9:45am	10:00am	Morning Snack
10:00am	10:45 am	Outdoor/Large Motor Play
10:45am	11:00am	Diapers/Bathroom Break*
11:00am	11:50am	Table Activities Play dough, puzzles, file folder games, etc.
11:30	11:50am	Group Time Stories, songs, finger plays, dancing, and group activities
11:50am	12:15pm	Lunch
12:15pm	12:30pm	Diapers/Bathroom Breaks*
12:30pm	2:30pm	Nap/Rest Time
2:30 pm	2:45pm	Diapers/Bathroom Break and Quiet Activities
2:45pm	3:00pm	Afternoon Snack
3:00pm	3:30pm	Table Activities & Art
3:30pm	4:00pm	Free play/diaper check and bathroom break
4:00pm	4:30pm	Gym Time/Outside Time
4:30pm	4:45pm	Diapers/Bathroom break
4:45pm	5:00pm	Art/Afternoon Group
5:00pm	5:30pm	Snack
5:30pm	6:30pm	Discovery Centers and Departure

*Diaper and Bathroom Breaks are given as needed throughout the day in addition to the scheduled times.

Busy **B**ees **B**ulletin

Reminders

We do go outside most mornings please send a hat and mittens for your child. They do get cold outside. Plus send snow pants and boots with names on them please.

Tip of the Month

Remember the reason for Christmas and do something special with your child to help them to understand the reason for caring.

What We've Been Doing!

We have been talking about being safe. Practice washing our hands with soap, brushing our teeth, they had a lot of fun doing this. Plus we did some fun things with different foods. We did a cranberry smash they had a wonderful time with this. They practice cutting potatoes and did such a good job with them.

Milestones

Ansley & Drew have moved up to the preschool room, we will surely miss them both. Some of our other friends will be moving up soon also. Isaac and Alex has been working out going potty and doing such a good job with that. Most of the children can put their own jackets on now (nice job children). Now for the snow pants and their boots put I know that they are very smart and this should not take too long for them to learn this skill.

Looking Forward to Some Fun!

We'll be doing different projects to reinforce high and low skills. The month is a busy month for most families with the holidays so please try to make sure that you take time out to do some fun things with your child. We will be making decorations for our class tree.

December Themes

High and low
Happy Holidays

Color of the Month: **Green**
Shape of the Month: **Triangle**



Busy Bee's Classroom List

*Please be sure to label all items

Please look over this list seasonally to make sure your child has everything he/she needs throughout the day. If you prefer, you may leave these items at school.

SPRING

- Full extra change of clothing
- Diapers, wipes & ointments
- Potty training clothes
Underpants, pants and socks
- Small blanket for rest time
- Sunscreen
- Rain coat on rainy days

SUMMER

- Full extra change of clothing
- Diapers, wipes & ointments
- Potty training clothes
Underpants, pants and socks
- Small blanket for rest time
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit for sprinkler play
- Swim diapers for sprinkler play
- Raincoat on rainy days

FALL

- Full extra change of clothing
- Diapers, wipes & ointments
- Potty training clothes
Underpants, pants and socks
- Small blanket for rest time
- Dress your child in layers for cool mornings and warm afternoons.

WINTER

- Full extra change of clothing
- Diapers, wipes & ointments
- Potty training clothes
Underpants, pants and socks
- Small blanket for rest time
- Winter coat
- Warm patted mittens
- Hat
- Snow pants
- Boots



Busy Bees Name: _____ Date: _____

Today I Was: Happy Silly Tired Sad

Today I Ate:

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>I Need....</u>
Breakfast	_____	Some Most All None		
Snack	_____	Some Most All None		Wipes Diaper Ointment Other
Lunch	_____	Some Most All None		
Snack	_____	Some Most All None		Extra training clothes
Snack	_____	Some Most All None		

Today I Slept from: _____ til _____

Things I enjoyed the most today was....

<u>Diapers</u>			
_____	W	BM	Dry Potty
_____	W	BM	Dry Potty
_____	W	BM	Dry Potty
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_____	W	BM	Dry Potty

Additional Comments:

