



Elkader Childcare & Learning Center

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Welcome to the Elkader Childcare and Learning Center Infant Room. We are glad that you have chosen our center to care for your child. This letter will explain the schedule, things you need to bring, and what things your child may learn in this room. The lead teacher in the infant room is Hailey Dundee.

In the infant room we try our best to keep children on your schedule, but when they are around other infants sleeping time and eating times will vary. It will take a couple of weeks for them to adjust to the new faces and surroundings. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to talk to the lead teacher in the infant room.

Things you will need to provide; 3 sets of clothes, diapers, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, pacifier (and clip if needed), formula or breast milk if you choose not to use our formula, and any information that would be beneficial to know about your child. We have plenty of blankets, sippy cups, bibs, burp cloths, sheets, and wash cloths at the center.

Everyday you will receive a daily sheet that will list things that your child did that day, when they were changed (also written BM or wet), when they were fed and how much, and if you need any supplies. If the teacher forgets to give it to you, please ask.

We do take the infants outside; weather is taken into consideration. We have infant sunscreen to put on your child. You may bring a hat if you would like. We also do art projects and small motor skills each day. Please take them home when finished. To help the staff stay organized, please put your child's name on everything that belongs to your child, outfits, bottles, pacifier, etc.

We read to your child everyday, they will be held, rocked, sang to, and have tummy time. We also have swings, bouncy seats, exer-saucers, and floor time toys. We will encourage children to roll over, follow objects with their eyes, say their name, get them to turn towards us, as they get older help with sitting up, holding their own bottle, encourage them to crawl and walk, encourage them to repeat words back to us, play peek a boo, roll balls, look at books, and help with feeding skills. These are just a few of the things they will be introduced to in the infant room.

Before entering into the 2 year old room they will get a chance to visit the room a few hours every week. They will also be transitioned to a mat instead of a crib and be sitting in Big Kids table and chairs. We will promote sitting through a short story (probably not the whole story to begin with, but will continue working on it).

Keep in mind if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to voice your concerns with the director, assistant director, lead infant teacher, or any teacher aids.

Again thank you for choosing Elkader Childcare & Learning Center for your child's life long journey of education, love, nurturing, a safe place, and for letting us be part of your child's life.

Sincerely,

Elkader Childcare & Learning Center Staff