



Elkader Childcare & Learning Center

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Welcome to the Elkader Child Care and Learning Center Toddler Room. We are very excited to have you be part of our special group. This letter will explain what your child will be exposed to and need to have for supplies. Lynda Schaefer is the lead teacher in this room.

In the Toddler room the children will have several opportunities to explore many different things. For instance they have an art time every morning, they are read to, and are encouraged to sit through very short stories, they have music whether it be singing themselves, off the CD player, or marching with musical instruments. They will have structure play and free play everyday. They will go outside and have large motor activities so watch the weather for appropriate clothing. They will be able to explore nature and science through magnifying glasses, or actually holding little creatures. They are exposed to trying and eating new foods. They have rest/ quiet time after lunch.

At this age, when parents and children are ready, we will be able to help with potty training. They will learn to share with other children and wait their turn, although this does not actually happen until age 4 or 5. They will be introduced to having special jobs thru out the day; this helps them start to follow directions, and recognizing their name. Also we work on small motor skills, such as puzzles, painting, coloring, stringing beads, recognizing and saying colors and shapes. Some will even begin to recognize letters and numbers.

Each child will need a set of clothes. If children are potty training they will need 2 extra sets of clothes. If they are still in diapers, parent must provide diapers or pull ups and wipes. We do supply sunscreen for the summer months. We have plenty of blankets and stuffed animals.

We are very happy to have you with us. Please at anytime you have questions, concerns, comments contact the director, assistant director, lead teacher, or any teachers working in your child's room.

Thank you for letting us be part of your child's life.

Sincerely,

Elkader Childcare & Learning Center Staff