



Chickadee (Infant)

GOALS

Through our commitment to infants, the following lists some of the skills that our **Chickadee** teachers will be seeking to accomplish with your child.

Social and Emotional Development

- Recognizing and reaching out to a familiar adult
- Begin developing own pattern for sleeping, eating and other basic needs
- Expressing a variety of emotions and needs using facial expressions, body movements and vocalizations
- Mirroring others' expressions of feelings
- Watching and responding to other children
- Showing interest in being with others
- Beginning to participate as adult attends to personal needs
- Celebrating differences among children and their families

Physical Development

- Learning to hold head up and follow sounds and movement
- Learning to sit up, roll over, crawl, pull up and walk
- Grasping toys with whole hand and eventually with thumb and index finger

Cognitive Development

- Attending to sights and sounds
- Exploring objects using all 5 senses
- Exploring objects and noticing how they react
- Demonstrating the awareness of a problem
- Watching the actions of others

Language Development

- Showing interest in the speech of others
- Using facial expressions, movements and distinct cries or vocalizations to communicate
- Engaging in simple back-and-forth communication such as cooing
- Manipulating books as an adult reads aloud
- Noticing pictures