



Flamingo (Toddler)

GOALS

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

Social and Emotional Development

- Functioning with increasing comfort in a variety of environments
- Understanding what behavior is expected with increasing regularity
- Using words to express feelings and needs
- Responding to others' feelings with caring behavior
- Participating in coordinated play with other children
- Actively participating in group experiences
- Doing complex personal care tasks successfully
- Celebrating differences among children and their families

Physical Development

- Attempting a variety of large-muscle activities
- Balancing while moving arms and legs in active play
- Using hand-eye coordination while doing increasingly complex tasks
- Grasping scissors and learning to use them to cut paper

Cognitive Development

- Continuing an activity until own goal is reached, despite distractions
- Planning ways to use objects to perform multi-step tasks
- Beginning to investigate the cause when something unexpected happens
- Grouping objects with similar characteristics
- Carrying out own plan for solving simple problems
- Using real and imaginary objects in pretend play

Language Development

- Understanding increasingly complex and abstract spoken words
- Using simple sentences and questions with three words or more
- Participating in conversations for two or more turns
- Pretending to read a favorite book
- Beginning to understand that print is useful
- Scribbling with the intention of communicating