

Toddlers & Twos

Classroom Guide

18-24 months



Welcome to our Toddlers & Twos Community!

Our Toddler & Twos classroom offers children ages 18 months - 2 years old a safe interesting, loving space where they can learn through discovery, exploration, and imitation. Toddlers are in the act of discovering their world. Everything is new, exciting, and interesting to them. Our toddler program is specially designed to encourage your toddler's curiosity, independence, early learning, and healthy development. We are a ministry of the International Community Church of God. Our mission is to provide a safe, fun, enriching and developmentally appropriate environment for children in our community.

We are committed to providing your child with engaging, meaningful activities that include circle times, stories, sign language, music and movement, art, sensory activities, puzzles, small group learning and nature discovery.

Toddlers have an innate desire to take care of their own needs, so we help foster self-confidence and independence. We see the child as an individual, allowing him or her to set the pace in their own independence.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns so that we can work together in the best interest of your child. We look forward to teaching your child and watching them grow!



Toddler 2 Goals & Objectives

Social / Emotional

- Begins to show empathy for others
- Learning to share and take turns
- Shows pride in new accomplishments
- Asserts self appropriately and starts communicating needs, wants and emotions using spoken language and/or Sign Language
- Enjoys playing alongside other children
- Helps at clean-up time
- Exhibits an intense interest in adult language

Physical Development

- Sits well in chair
- Climbs up steps
- Can march and run
- Rolls, throws, and kicks a ball
- Stacks blocks
- Can scribble

Self-Care

- Starts to feel comfortable using the potty
- Washes and dries hands
- Attempts to put on shoes, socks, jacket
- Self-feeding & drinking from a cup
- Cleaning up after meal time

Cognitive

- Starts recognizing basic colors and shapes
- Counting 1-10
- Learning through play, music and movement, sensory, nature, social, large and small motor activities



Parent Guidelines

- Arrival/Departure: Remember to sign in and out on the computer located at the front desk each time
- Mt. Nebo CLC provides a morning healthy snack at 9 am, healthy lunch around noon, and an afternoon healthy snack at 3 pm. We provide water to drink throughout the day and serve milk daily with AM snack & lunch. Children arriving before 7:30 may bring breakfast. After 7:30, all items from home will be served with morning snack. We're unable to serve sugary foods such as donuts, fruit snacks, etc., or sweetened drinks such as juice and chocolate milk. Thank you for not sending these in with your child.
- Birthday Celebrations- Please coordinate with your child's teacher to schedule a day to celebrate in the classroom. You may send fruit, yogurt parfaits, or mini muffins (which must be store-bought due to allergies and licensing regulations). We are unable to serve cake. Birthday party invitations may be distributed to classmates only if the entire class is invited.
- To ensure the health and safety of our students and staff, parents must keep children home if they are sick or showing symptoms of becoming sick. Children should only attend when they are well enough to participate in the entire program, including outdoor play. Children may not attend if they have any contagious symptoms, or if they exhibit lethargy, excessive crying/fussiness, or generally not feeling well where interest in activities is greatly reduced, or results in greater need for care than what our staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- Our Open-Door Policy means that parents are welcome to stop in at any time to observe or check in on their child. Parents (and other loved ones) are welcome to visit with their child's class if it is scheduled in advance with the teacher. Parents may not discuss any child's performance or behavior and are asked to save questions and concerns regarding their own child for a scheduled parent-teacher conference. Please notify a staff member if you have an immediate concern or see that a child needs attention. It is our policy that parents may not get involved in handling behavior issues, attending to a child's injuries, providing bathroom assistance, feeding assistance, or holding children other than their own.



Items Needed

Please label all items with your child's first and last name. Thank you!

- Please bring a family picture for our Classroom Family Tree or email one to <u>director@mtneboclc.org</u>.
- Reusable Water Bottle (no sippy cups please) that will need to be taken home every Friday to be washed and returned each week.
- Clothing & Shoes- Children should wear comfortable play clothes that are weather-appropriate and allow for easy dressing and changing (no onesies please). Clothing should be loose-fitting and allow your child to explore, run, jump, play outside and enjoy messy art and sensory projects. Closed-toe shoes are required for outdoor play.
- Keep 2 extra changes of clothing in your child's cubby box, including socks, undergarments, multiple layers, and clothing that is appropriate for various types of weather.
- Cot Sheet and Blanket (label with child's name; take home to be washed each Friday and return clean every Monday)
- Diapers, Wipes, Diaper Cream- we will notify when it is time to replenish
- Sunscreen and Sun Hat (May through September)



Daily Schedule

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- 6:00 am School Opens
- 6:30 am Classroom Free Play in Opening Room
- 7:00 am Centers/Table Toys
- 8:30 am Diapers/Hand Washing
- 8:45 am Morning Snack
- 9:00 am Small Group Activities (Art, Sensory, Practical Life)
- 10:00 am Outside Play/Nature Walk/Gym
- 11:00 am Diapers/Hand Washing
- 11:15 am Circle Time
- 11:30 am Music & Movement
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:20 pm Diapers/Hand Washing
- 12:30 pm Nap Time
- 2:30 pm Diapers/Hand Washing
- 2:45 pm Afternoon Snack
- 3:00 pm Outside Play/Nature Walk/Gym
- 4:15 pm Diapers/Hand Washing
- 4:30 pm Centers
- 5:45 pm Departures/Closing Time