

Tips for Parents

How Children Learn

- ◇ By using all their senses
- ◇ By exploring, observing, imitating, and practicing
- ◇ By building on past experiences
- ◇ Through their play and repetition
- ◇ Best when they feel a sense of achievement and self-worth
- ◇ Best when they feel physically and emotionally safe and secure
- ◇ Best when all areas of development are viewed as equally important and interrelated
- ◇ Best when class size is kept small
- ◇ Best when their parents are involved in the educational process

What to Expect

- ◇ A variety of learning materials including books, toys, games, manipulatives, art and writing supplies
- ◇ Children freely moving from area to area with frequent shifts of activity
- ◇ A balance of quiet and stimulating activities during the day
- ◇ Children participating in individual, small group, and whole group learning activities
- ◇ Children involved in numerous hands-on and messy activities
- ◇ The same materials or concepts presented more than once in a variety of ways
- ◇ A predictable environment in which routines and expectations are clearly defined
- ◇ Students will be frequently praised to promote desired behaviors
- ◇ Children being encouraged to do as much for themselves as possible with assistance given as needed
- ◇ Children's work displayed and appreciated