



WELCOME TO THE INFANT ROOMS

Welcome to the Infant Program and our Cornerstone Family!

This is a very exciting time for you and your child! We would like to give you an overview of what your child's experience will be with us, and how you can help him/her transition to our program.

Our Infant Program consists of children ranging in age from approximately 6 weeks old to twenty months old, and is staffed by two Head Teachers, two Assistant Teachers and several aides. The Head Teachers (Maria and Laila), Assistant Director (Amy) and Director (Marion) can all be reached directly through their Cornerstone email addresses.

Each Head Teacher, along with her Assistant, is responsible for developing a curriculum that is based on the children's developing skills and interaction with the world around them. The curriculum contains songs, art projects, movement, stories, and special guests, such as our Delores Jiji, our music teacher, and the Nature of Things. The curriculum is posted on the wall of each classroom for your perusal and is also discussed in detail in our newsletter.

Your child's day is based on his/her individual needs and the schedule your child follows at home. Arrival time is flexible, beginning at 7 a.m., but we urge you to have your child here by 9 a.m. Parents provide labeled bottles and food for their child in the Infant Program. Mealtimes are an extension of our curriculum; they are viewed as an opportunity to encourage your child's blossoming fine motor skills, promote language and model positive interactions.

The children in the Infant Program go outside twice a day, at approximately 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as long as the weather is not too hot or inclement. Families provide extra sets of clothing, additional weather appropriate outerwear, diapers, wipes, diaper creams, ointments, bibs, pacifiers (if used) and a crib sheet for their child.

Please call Cornerstone in the morning if your child will be absent for any reason. We prefer a phone call, rather than an email, as we don't always check our email during the busy opening hours at our Center. No matter how much cleaning and hand washing we do, germs often spread quickly in centers and schools. While children do not need to stay home for every sniffle, they do need to stay home twenty-four hours if they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.; a sheet outlining this is attached.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

We look forward to a wonderful year together!

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