



Christian Preschool

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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to explain Developmentally Appropriate Practice creative experiences for one year old children.

Our Goal is to provide activities involving the five senses-touch, sight, smell, hearing, and taste. According to Polly McVickers, who wrote the National Association for the Education of Young Children publication IMAGINATION, These five senses are "feeders" of creativity. The curriculum guide (Wee Learn) is developed around themes which provide opportunities for the children to learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, the church, self, family, others and the natural world.

These Children are given large non-toxic crayons and large plain paper, and closely supervised water play. While paint, sand, play dough and markers are excellent for older toddlers, these young toddlers are likely to put things in their mouths. "Food should not be used for art because toddlers are developing self-regulatory skills and must learn to distinguish between food and other objects that are not to be eaten." (DAP in Early Childhood Programs, Third Edition 2009)

In addition it is inappropriate if toddlers are helped by teachers to produce a product, copy the adult-made model, or color in coloring books. This will stifle their creativity and the development of their fine motor skills.

We are committed to maintaining a safe, healthy learning environment and providing one-on-one attention to your dear children.

Thank You,

Cindy Rodriguez,
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