

Little Ducklings

6 weeks – 12 months

The infant room can accommodate up to twelve babies with a staff to child ratio of 1:4. Our age group ranges from six weeks old up to when the child is walking. Moving up to our “Stars” room is dependent on developmental readiness and space availability.

Curriculum

The infant room provides a curriculum to encourage social and emotional growth. We encourage developmentally appropriate play to refine gross motor, fine motor, language, and sensory skills through different centers in our room. Once time per month a copy of our lesson plans reflecting our curriculum are sent home to you. Activities may include singing songs, reading books, and making special art projects.

Supplies

The following items are needed for your child:

- 2 Porta-crib/Pack and Play Sheets
- 1 Blanket
- 3 Extra Outfits
- 2-3 Onesies
- 3-4 Bibs
- Bag of Diapers
- Box of Wipes (refills should come in a sealed package)
- Burp Cloths (optional)
- Pacifier Clip (if needed)

All bottles, ointments, caps, pacifiers, sheets, blankets, bibs, jar foods, and cereal boxes **MUST BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME**. Please label diaper bags so they can be easily identified. PARENTS are responsible for unpacking daily food and supplies at drop off time.

Meals

We welcome and support our breastfeeding mothers! We have found in past experiences that babies in childcare are more content if they are able to drink from a bottle during the day, when you are not able to be here to nurse your baby. It is important that your baby take formula or breast milk from a bottle starting in our classroom.

We follow your schedule for feedings as close as possible. Meals are to be brought daily as we do not have room for weekly storage. Please make sure that you specify what you want your child to eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and/or snacks each day. Here are some examples/suggestions for breakfast and lunch: pancakes, waffles, chicken nuggets, grilled cheese, jelly sandwich, chicken, veggies, all of which should be cut into bite size

pieces. When your baby is ready to be introduced to a cup, you may bring one in and we will offer it at meals.

Medication

In order for staff to administer medication to your child, a permission form must be filled out at the front desk. Medication prescribed by the doctor **MUST** be accompanied by a doctor's note. If the medication needs to be refrigerated, please place it in the refrigerator in the Infant Room. All other medication may be placed in the medicine box in the Infant Room closet. Please **DO NOT** leave medication in the diaper bag or on the counter. See the Angels Alley Parent Handbook for our Medication Policy, Illness Policy, and Criteria for Exclusion of Ill Children, which we strictly adhere to. If your child is going to be absent on a scheduled day, please call and inform us.

Communication and Visitation

Daily activity sheets are filled out each day to inform you about your child's eating, sleeping, bottles, and diaper changes. We will also note any information we feel you need to know about your child and we encourage open communication between our parents and teachers. Please include a brief description of your baby's schedule and likes and dislikes such as a pacifier, special blanket, stuffed animal or toy. If you have any concerns, please voice them to us at 856-365-7961 and ask for the Little Ducklings room. We have an open door policy and you are free to visit your child at anytime during the day.

Departure

Parents are responsible for gathering their child's possessions to prepare to go home. When picking up your child, you may find soiled items in a plastic bag and/or empty, used bottles in the drawer underneath your child's crib. Please make sure you check the drawer daily and take these items home to be washed. Also, please check the refrigerator for bottles, medication, or food to take home. **Every Friday or the last day of your scheduled week, please take home all blankets and sheets to be laundered.** Please remember to take home the daily activity sheets hanging on the clipboards above the changing table.

We look forward to caring for your child and always welcome any questions you may have.

Thank you!
Miss Christine M.
Miss Laura
Miss Christine P.

