

Welcome to CLC's Orange Room

Welcome to the Orange Room. The age range for the children in the Orange Room is approximately 2 to 2 ½ years of age. Some children enter the room at an earlier age and some leave the room at a later age. Our goal is to feel comfortable enough with your child's development before they move to the next classroom and not solely based upon their age.

Community Learning Center uses theme-based curriculum to make learning fun. Children learn best from each other. The classroom set-up has been designed to allow for different "centers"; Dramatic Play, Manipulative/ Small Motor, Language and Listening, Blocks, Large Motor, and Science. Some of the toys and activities in the different centers are changed monthly to reflex the concepts being taught and learned on our monthly lesson plans.

Dramatic Play is important because it provides a safe setting for children to role play, express feelings, dramatize stories, and try out social behaviors observed by adults. Dramatic Play also often offers a place to socially interact with other peers.

The Manipulative area is geared towards the building of small motor skills. Here the children are offered activities that encourage finger dexterity and coordination of the hands with eye movement.

Children use their language skills in all areas of the room however in this center language is the main focal point. The Language and Listening Center is also where group time takes place. A wide variety of experiences involving listening, talking, questioning, and labeling are encouraged. During group time the children are exposed to different books, songs, finger plays, and flannel board stories. Colors, shapes, animal sounds, and body part identification are also introduced.

The Block Center allows children to build imaginative structures. Building with blocks fosters a wide range of growth in both small and large motor skills.

All children are given the opportunity to exercise their Large Motor skills during outside play activities on a daily basis. Days of inclement weather may prohibit these experiences therefore, on those days the children are encouraged to exercise their large motor skills on the riding toys, hopping, and dancing.

Outside the classroom door on the left you will be able to find extra copies of schedule change and medication forms for you to take and use as needed.

Above the children's cubbies, on the north wall, is where the Parent Board is located. Here you will be able to find a copy of our monthly calendar of activities, newsletter, and our weekly lesson plans. Any other information that is of importance to you and your family will also be posted here.

A progress report is completed twice a year in October and May by the teacher(s) in the classroom, and is given to each parent to review. Conference times are offered if a parent wishes to sit down with staff and discuss their child's development.

Please feel free to visit the Orange Room at any time. Parents are always welcomed in hopes that you are able to observe your child during the busiest time of their day. If you have any questions or concerns always feel free to ask and we will do the best to answer them.

Once again, Welcome to the Orange Room! We look forward to our time together!

The Orange Room Teachers

