

# Welcome to the Toddler Classroom!

Attached is the 2021 - 2022 Academic Calendar for both the younger and older Toddler Classrooms.

## Younger Toddlers:

During the second year, toddlers are moving around more, and are aware of themselves and their surroundings. Their desire to explore new objects and people also is increasing. During this stage, toddlers will show greater independence; begin to show defiant behavior; recognize themselves in pictures or a mirror; and imitate the behavior of others, especially adults and older children. Toddlers also should be able to recognize the names of familiar people and objects, form simple phrases and sentences, and follow simple instructions and directions.

## Older Toddlers:

Skills such as taking turns, playing make believe, and kicking a ball, are called developmental milestones. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (like jumping, running, or balancing).

Because of children's growing desire to be independent, this stage is often called the "terrible twos." However, this can be an exciting time for parents and toddlers. Toddlers will experience huge thinking, learning, social, and emotional changes that will help them to explore their new world, and make sense of it. During this stage, toddlers should be able to follow two- or three-step directions, sort objects by shape and color, imitate the actions of adults and playmates, and express a wide range of emotions.

Following are some of the things you, as a parent, can do to help your toddler at home:

- Set up a special time to read books with your toddler.
- Encourage your child to take part in pretend play.
- Play parade or follow the leader with your toddler.
- Help your child to explore things around her by taking her on a walk or wagon ride.
- Encourage your child to tell you his name and age.
- Teach your child simple songs like *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, or other cultural childhood rhymes.
- Give your child attention and praise when she follows instructions and shows positive behavior and limit attention for defiant behavior like tantrums. Teach your child acceptable ways to show that she's upset.

\*Parent(s) or Guardian (s) and provider will give written notification two weeks prior to the termination of childcare.

The following individuals have parental or guardian permission to pick up the child at Pea Pods.

Name	Relation to Child	Phone Number
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

All said individuals must provide adequate proof of identification before the child may be released into their care.

Pea Pods Child Care reserves the right to add, delete, clarify, or otherwise modify this contract by providing change of policies in written notice to the parties involved in this contract. Any change in price will be announced one month prior to its effectiveness.

I have received a copy of the guidelines for Pea Pods Child Care and I have read and completed the Parent (s)/Provider agreement form. I have reviewed these guidelines and I am fully aware of all rules and conditions established by Pea Pods Child Care. I understand all contents and hereby agree to all policies stated within.

\*If you would like an updated handbook, please stop by the office.

Both parents must sign this contract.

For those parents who share childcare fees, you must arrange for only one parent to be responsible for paying Pea Pods' tuition.

Parent 1 (Legal Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 (Legal Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_