

Melrose Day Care Center and Preschool

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Infant Classrooms: Bumblebee and Turtle

Age: 1 month to 18 months

Classroom size: 7 infants per classroom

<u>Goals</u>: Goals are assigned with the Massachusetts Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers and Teaching Strategies GOLD curriculum.

Communication

- Learn to use communication in effective ways (for example, cooing, smiling, and crying when in distress).
- Learn to hear and recognize familiar voices both within and out of sight.
- Interact appropriately with adults, making eye contact and engaging in a positive manner.

Gross Motor

- Show appropriate head strength, leg strength, and overall body strength at appropriate developmental stages.
- Be trying to roll and sit (with support) by six months.
- Be encouraged to walk or "cruise" as they are getting ready to move to the Toddler Room.

Fine Motor

- Show appropriate eye/hand coordination at the various developmental stages.
- Be encouraged to grasp at objects and be working toward the pincer grasp.

Personal/Social

- Be exposed to different people to help them become comfortable with new adults and children.
- Eat together, read together, and be encouraged to interact socially.

Transition Goals:

- Meet teachers from the new classroom and visit the new classroom.
- Be introduced to a cup at six to seven months of age.
- Move out of a crib by 12 months of age.
- Be weaned from a bottle by 12 months of age.
- Be using pacifiers only at nap time.
- Be encouraged to walk by the time they move to the Toddler Room
- Begin using utensils by 12 months of age.
- Be able to follow simple multistep directions.