

# Toddler Goals



**Bright  
Path**  
The best start in life

Through our commitment to toddlers, the following lists some of the skills that our teachers will be seeking to accomplish with your child.

## **Social and Emotional Development**

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- Seeking familiar adults as a secure base when around new people and in new situations
- Beginning to respond to verbal redirection
- Beginning to apply strategies to manage own feelings
- Responding to the emotions of others
- Having brief play encounters with other children
- Beginning to participate in group routines
- Trying more complex personal care tasks with some success
- Celebrating differences among children and their families

## **Physical Development**

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- Walking forward with increasing coordination
- Walking up and down stairs with assistance
- Using one hand to hold an object while the other hand manipulates another object
- Learning to use kitchen utensils to scoop food at lunch
- Holding chubby markers and crayons and learning to make marks on paper

## **Cognitive Development**

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- Focusing on an activity of choice
- Using familiar objects in conventional ways
- Exploring ways to make things happen
- Beginning to manipulate objects according to particular attributes
- Experimenting with trial-and-error approaches to simple problems
- Using objects in pretend play as they are used in real life

## **Language Development**

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- Understanding simple multi-word speech in familiar contexts
- Speaking in two-word phrases
- Initiates conversations by using words
- Becomes increasingly engaged with the content of books that are read aloud
- Recognizing that pictures have meaning and can tell a story
- Experiments with scribbling
- Noticing pictures