

Key's Explorers (18 months-3 years)

*Toddlers learn through Play based Learning. It is a term used in education and psychology to describe how a child can learn to make sense of the world around them. Through play, children can develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally and gain self confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments. A creative curriculum features exploration and discovery as a way of learning, enabling children to develop their creativity and critical thinking skills.

Cognitive Development

- Show interest in counting and start to identify one, two, or three objects
- Learn words like up and down and differences in size and volume
- Sort and classify objects like making piles of different colored toys

Social and Emotional Development

- Show interest in interacting with familiar adults and other children
- Manage emotions independently or with the help of a familiar adult
- Notice when other children are upset and try to help them feel better

Language and Literacy Development

- Build an understanding of words through interactions
- Imitate reading behavior like turning pages and babbling while looking at pictures
- Use a few words to express wants and needs and to speak about objects

Physical Development and Wellness

- Learn to walk and start to run
- Show an increasing ability to control hands
- Play Gross Motor games that develop throwing and kicking skills

Creative Expression

- Tap into their imagination with props like toy phones and puppets
- Move creatively with other kids to learn body awareness and build social skills
- Interact with music through games and simple songs