

## **Infants & Toddler Program (6 Weeks–24 Months)**

### **Nurturing Your Infants and Toddlers**

Shining Stars Preschool and Infant Center accepts children as **young as six weeks of age**. Our infants are the pride of our school. They spend their day with a competent, well-trained, nurturing and loving teacher. In our infant center, a **“Needs and Service Plan”** is developed between the parents and the teachers to meet the child’s individual needs on sleeping, diapering and feeding. Food, bottles, and clothing are provided by parents and labeled at drop-off. Formula, breast milk and/or baby food is warmed in food and bottle warmers. They are labeled with each child’s name and kept separately.

Parents enjoy an **“open door” policy** which allows visits to the center at any time. This is particularly useful for nursing mothers who want the convenience of breast-feeding mid-day. Parents often comment on the variety of music being played for the children and notice that the children spend most of their time engaged with teachers.

As, we see our babies grow into toddlers and develop their walking and movement skills they transition into our toddler area which starts to provide more activities such as; story time, art and a fun curriculum that balances both cognitive learning and individualism.

### **Shining Stars utilizes The Creative Curriculum to support infants and provide:**

- Individual care with daily written and verbal communication.
- Development of a trusting relationship with responsiveness to individual needs.
- Staff who possess a loving and attentive nature.
- Each infant’s health, happiness and well being as our primary responsibility.
- Caregivers are educated to provide for every stage of your infant’s development through encouraging language acquisition, social interaction and physical growth.
- Shining Stars provides families with a detailed written daily report for each infant/toddler and twice yearly written progress reports with parent-teacher conferences upon request.

## **Twos Preschool Program (2-3 Year Olds)**

### **Twos are Big People**

Working with two-year-olds is fast-paced and ever-changing. At this age their every experience is brand new and we are the ones who have the privilege of introducing them to the world. In a loving and nurturing environment, we encourage their desire for independence. **We potty train them,** teach them good hygiene habits, allow them to feed themselves and drink from a cup, and encourage them to speak and use good manners.

Children are provided with an age based fun curriculum. Creating imagination, individualism, social experiences and being nurtured by a loving, competent, and well-trained teacher. Many students master the names of colors, shapes, number concepts, the days of the week, words to quite a few songs, many letters and their phonetic sounds.

A toddler's life is marked by rapid growth in language acquisition, self-sufficiency and social skills.

### **Our Shining Stars Twos Preschool Program is designed to:**

- Maximize each toddler's educational development while promoting social and emotional growth.
- Provide developmentally appropriate lessons that introduce free exploration.
- Provide loving guidance and patience as our twos begin their understanding of socially appropriate behavior in a safe environment.
- Promote their independence, while providing assistance with potty training.
- Shining Stars provides families with written daily communications for each child, and twice yearly progress reports, with parent-teacher conferences upon request.

## **Threes Preschool Program (3 Year Olds & Up )**

### **Exploring The World**

Socialization is so important at this age. Children learn so much from the environment that surrounds them. Children are provided with an **age based fun curriculum**. Creating imagination, individualism, social experiences and being nurtured by a loving, competent, and well-trained teacher. Many students master the names of colors, shapes, number concepts, the days of the week, words to songs, letter recognition, counting, sign language and their phonetic sounds.

### **At Shining Stars our 3 year old classrooms follow The Creative Curriculum and provide:**

- A secure, loving and safe learning environment that provides opportunities for exploration and peer interactions that emphasize cooperative play.
- Five developmentally appropriate learning centers with materials and activities that will prepare your child for success.
- School readiness activities in pre-reading, writing, counting, number recognition and problem solving.
- Shining Stars provides families with twice yearly in-depth progress reports and parent-teacher conferences upon requests

## **Pre-Kindergarten – Preschool Program (4 Year olds)**

### **Ready, Set, Grow Pre-Kindergarten!**

It's time to prepare for success in school and life. The goal is to ensure that every child develops a love of learning that lasts a lifetime and the ability to start Kindergarten exceeding school standards. Children are assessed twice a year to measure their personal progress.

Children are provided with an age based fun curriculum. Creating imagination, individualism, social experiences and being nurtured by a loving, competent, and well-trained teacher. Many students master writing their names, their fine motor skills, names of colors, shapes, number concepts, the days of the week, words to songs, letter recognition, counting, sign language and their phonetic sounds.

- Many pre-kindergarten children that attend Shining Stars are eager to learn.
- Their vast vocabulary, complex phrases and sentences allow them to express their ideas.
- Shining Stars Pre-K classroom curriculum is based on The Creative Curriculum.
- Educationally based activities in our eight developmentally appropriate learning centers that will prepare your child to excel in Kindergarten.
- Opportunities to develop positive relationships with peers.
- Daily opportunities to learn alphabet and letter sounds, numbers, quantities, simple math, early literacy, writing skills, and geography that will challenge your child.
- Computers, loaded with educational software.
- Shining Stars provides families with twice yearly progress reports and parent-teacher conferences upon request.

## **School Age Program (5-12 Year Olds)**

### **For School Aged, Shining Stars is the place to be!**

The early elementary school years present children with educational and social challenges; challenges that can be easily faced with self-confidence and skill. At Shining Star our school age curriculum offers care for before and after school, summer camp, and holiday camp. We offer a very family oriented program. Homework time is available when students come from school and are under the guidance of a teacher to assist them. Our teachers ensure supervision at all times. Children have freedom to explore their creativity through art and play.

- Staff that provides homework assistance while promoting good study habits.
- Fun, friendships and learning that will encompass a wide array of activities and projects.
- Physical fitness and healthy habits through recreational activities.
- Exploration into the world around them.
- Computers, loaded with educational software.
- School vacation days are filled with field trips to exciting places, special visitors and unusual, engaging projects.