

Concepts to Explore with Toddlers

Front Street Playschool uses these Concepts to Explore as an overview and “window” into our toddler classrooms. Exposure to these concepts is the goal, not mastery. Some children will be interested in more advanced concepts. We will encourage them and provide opportunities for them to explore their interests.

Cognitive:

- Responding to name
- Following simple one and two step directions
- Naming familiar people (Mama, Dada, Nana etc)
- Pointing to every day objects
- Identifying basic colors(red, yellow, blue, green)
- Able to point to animals when asked
- Participating in short finger plays
- Exposure to simple shapes (Circle, Triangle)
- Exploring counting
- Listening to a short story
- Engaging in pretend play

Fine and Gross Motor

- Walking as a group from place-to-place
- Pushing and pulling objects
- Rolling balls
- Using steps and stools
- Building simple towers
- Stacking and scooping
- Learning to use peg puzzles
- Beginning to use basic art tools, such as crayons and paint brushes
- Manipulating playdough (squeezing, kneading, rolling)

Social, Emotional, and Language

- Beginning to learn routines
- Engaging in simple songs with motion
- Engaging in parallel play
- Recognizing classmates
- Remembering where objects belong and assisting with clean-up
- Maintaining attention for a short time period
- Exposure to simple conversation with teachers
- Beginning to name parts of the body
- Making appropriate animal sounds