

Boone County Early Learning Center

We're proud to introduce our official name: The Boone County Early Learning Center! An early learning center that inspires creativity, discovery, and a love of learning. Our vision is to create a space that reflects the dedication, service, and strength of the families it serves. Ultimately, this center is about supporting the people who help keep Boone County safe each and every day.



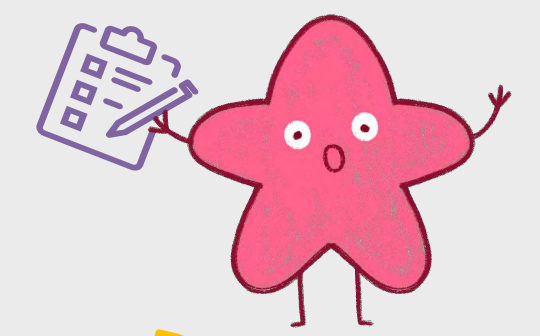
Oct. 27, 2025



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We started construction back in October and, as with all construction projects, the weather plays a major role in the schedule. So far, we've had a little delay due to some winter weather and the recent spring rain, but overall things are going pretty well!

Nov. 26, 2025



Dec. 16, 2025



How it started...



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are making progress! The framing is happening now, and they'll start working on the roof in early May. Construction is projected to wrap up later this summer, then we'll get the classrooms set up, complete some final inspections, and be ready to open this fall.

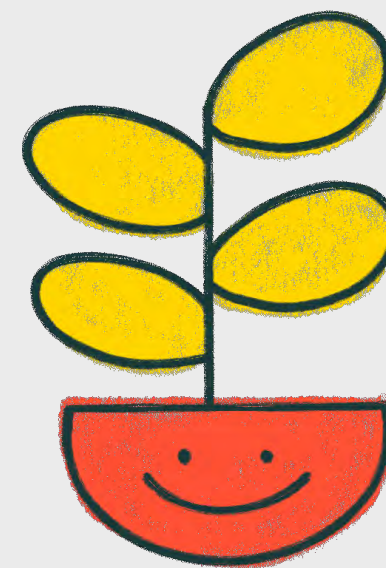
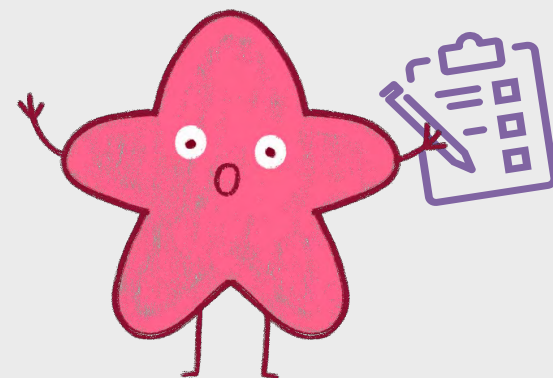
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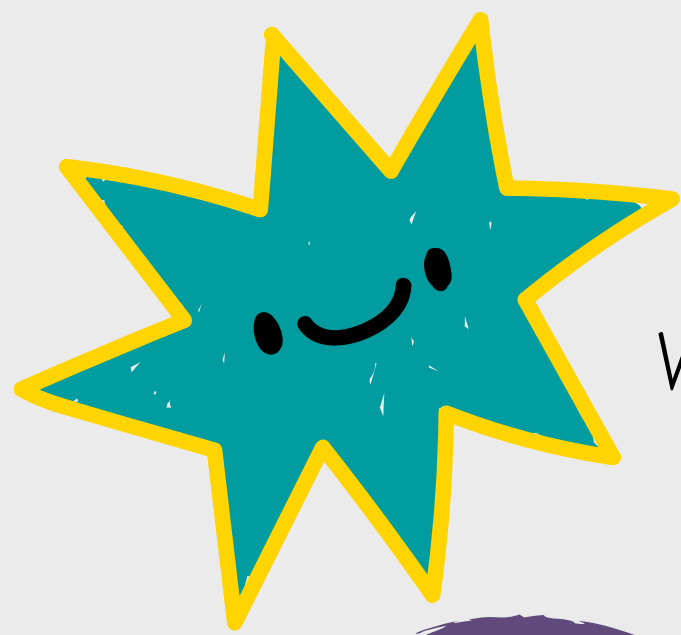
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How it's
going!

When it's finished, the building will have two levels, totaling about 10,000 square feet. There will be 2 separate fenced-in playgrounds, one on each end of the building.





Meet OUR team

We are partners in your child's early years and want to work with you to create the best possible experience, while giving you peace of mind.



Ami Hayse
Director

- 20 years in childcare; preschool director for 10 years
- Experience as both educator & parent of a child in daycare
- Understands families' trust & concerns
- Leads with strong relationships, clear communication, and active classroom involvement



Our Team will be growing soon!

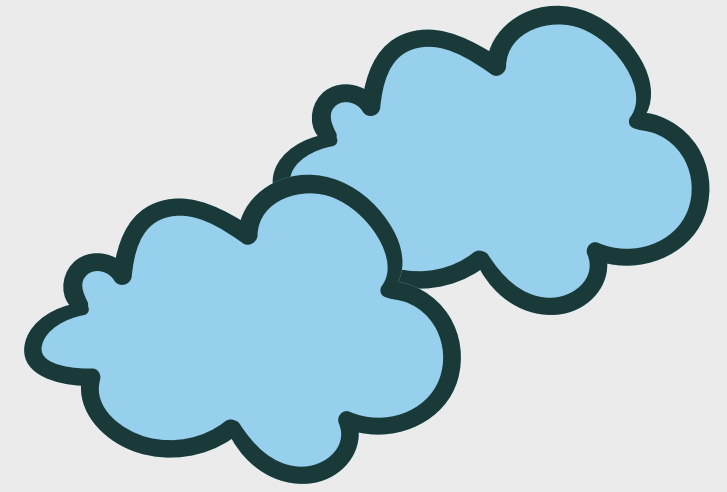
Over the coming months, we'll continue building our team with experienced, passionate early childhood professionals.

- On-going Trainings & 12+ Hours of Professional Development Each Year
- Background Checks and Fingerprinting

Together, we're committed to creating an environment where children and families feel supported.



Our Commitment to Children and Families



- Safe, Secure, and welcoming environment
- Support each child's unique development
- Strong communication with parents
- Experienced and caring staff
- Play-based learning through exploration and curiosity

Our MISSION

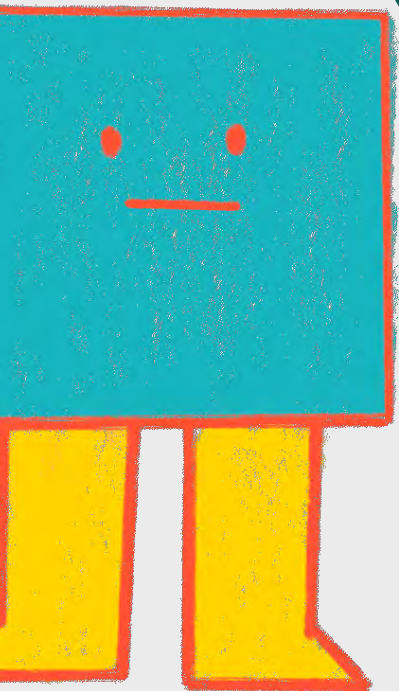
*Is to provide a safe, nurturing,
and developmentally
appropriate environment
where children can learn,
play, and flourish.*



What Makes Us Different

We're here to help support those unique and unpredictable schedules:

- Open 7 days a week, 5am-10pm
- Early Morning and Late Evening care for children 6 weeks - 5 years old
- Flexible scheduling options – working with families & their work schedules
 - Affordable, below-market tuition rates



Secure Care with Clear Communication

Safety You Can Trust

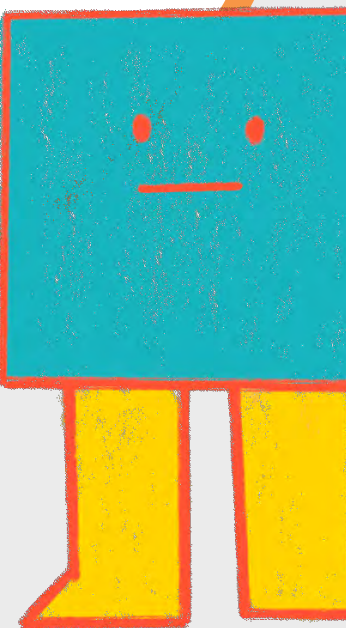
- Interior & Exterior Cameras
- Secured Access At All Times
- Strict Sign-in/out Procedures
- CPR & First Aid Certified Staff
- Emergency Preparedness Plan & Reinforced Storm-Safe Room

Communication You Can See

- Open Communication with Staff
- Personalized Updates on Your Child's Growth & Developmental Milestones
- Immediate Notification of Incidents or Concerns
- Updates Throughout the Day About Meals, Activities, and Pictures via Brightwheel

Parent Communication

- Tell us if: someone new picking up or dropping off
- Any changes in your child's health, behavior, or routines
- Questions or Concerns as they come up





Emotional
Skills

Independence

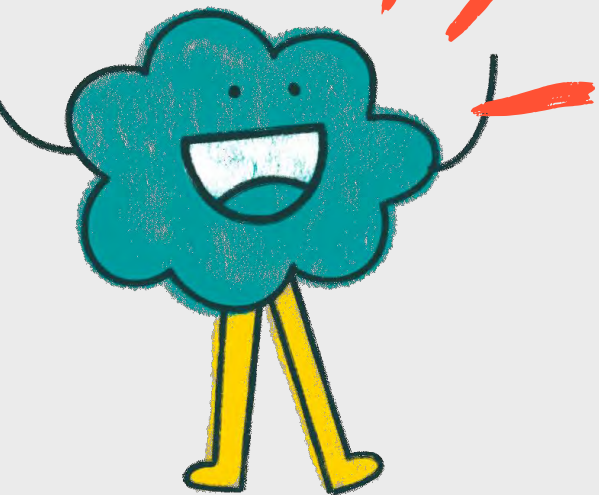
Curiosity

Physical
Development

Creativity

Social Skills

Kindergarten readiness is
more than academics.





Active Learning:

Children learn by exploring, experimenting, and doing.



Child-Led Experiences:

Encourages independence, choice, and decision-making through hands-on activities.

Active Learning through exploration, play, and creativity!

HighScope



Structured Routines:

Predictable daily schedules help children feel secure and support learning.



Whole-Child Development:

Supports cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth.

Active Learning through exploration, play, and creativity!

HighScope

Our Approach:

We use the HighScope framework to create a balance of structure and fun, with consistent routines that help children feel safe, confident, and ready to learn. Through active, hands-on experiences, children build important social, emotional, and academic skills—preparing them for kindergarten and beyond.

How We Support Your Child:

We regularly observe and assess each child's development during everyday activities like play and classroom routines. This helps us understand their strengths and needs, so we can tailor lessons and experiences to support their growth in communication, motor skills, social-emotional development, and independence—without the pressure of formal testing.



Let's Eat!



Mealtimes build healthy habits, independence, and positive eating in a supportive, family-style setting.

8:30am: Breakfast

11:30am: Lunch

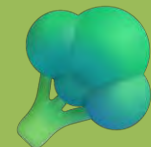
3:00pm: Snack

6:15pm: Dinner

8:00pm: Snack



Prepared fresh in our on-site kitchen



Balanced, kid-friendly meals: fruits, veggies, whole grains & proteins



Age-appropriate portions



Special accommodations for allergies available



Water & Milk served with meals (limited juice)

Daily Routine & Schedule

Our classrooms are guided by a consistent routine that helps children feel secure and confident.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Arrival

Arrival: Morning welcome, play time until breakfast.

8:30-9:00am: Breakfast

9:30am: Daily routine begins with circle time, learning activities, and indoor/outdoor play time.

11:30-12:00pm: Lunch

12:30pm-2:30pm: Quiet Rest Time

3:00pm: Afternoon Snack

3:30pm: Afternoon activities & indoor/outdoor play.

5:30pm: Classroom activities, then transitions to evening care.

6:00pm Evening Care routine begins

6:30pm: Dinner

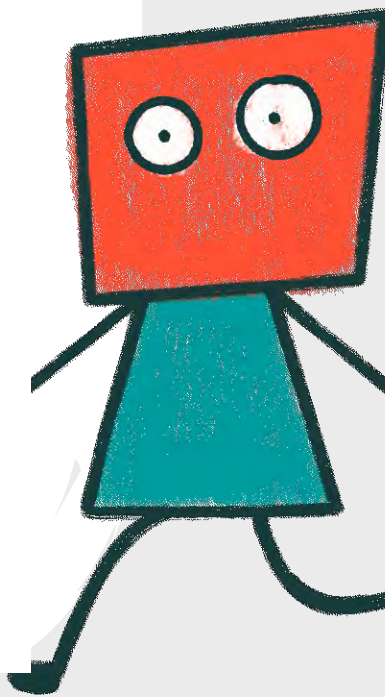
7:00pm-8:00pm: Classroom activities and play time.

8:00pm: Evening Snack

Followed by quiet activities and individualized plans until parents arrive.

Daily
Plans

Evening
care



The Classrooms

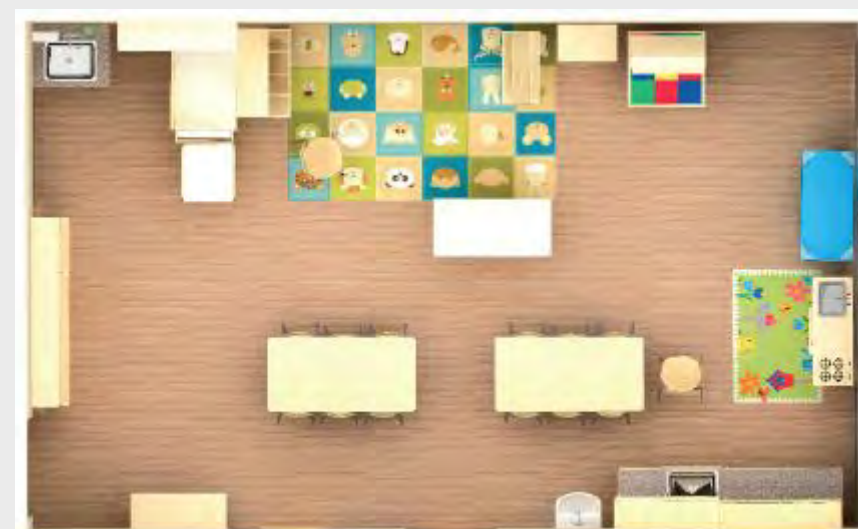
Our classrooms are welcoming, organized, and filled with hands-on materials and age-appropriate toys that encourage exploration, independence, and a love of learning.



Infant's



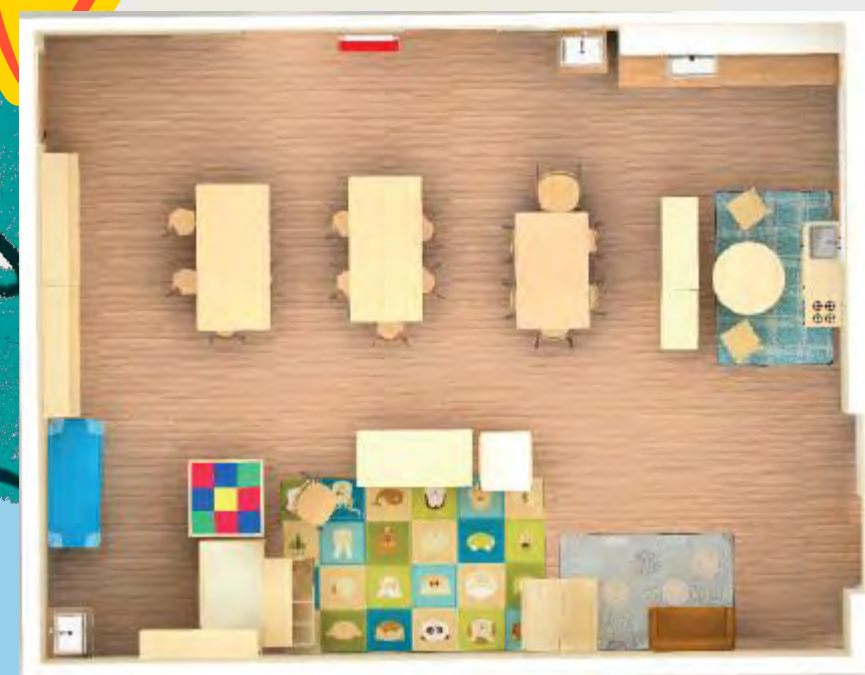
Toddler's



UL Preschool 1



UL Preschool 2



LL Preschool 1
2-3yr olds



LL Preschool 2
3-4yr olds



LL Preschool 3
4-5yr olds



LL Preschool 4
3-5yr olds

the classrooms

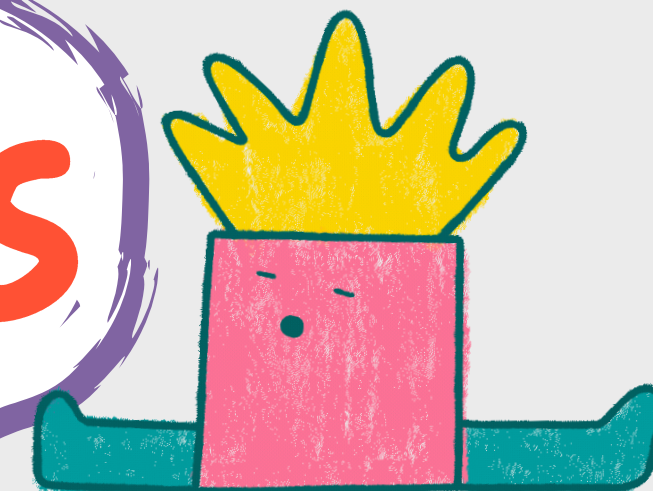
Infants
6wk-12mo



- Up to 8 Infants
- Individualized Routines
- Toys, materials, equipment to support each stage of development
- Areas for tummy time, sitting, crawling, cruising, and walking
- Safe space to explore and grow at their own pace.

Toddlers
12-24mo

the classrooms



- Up to 8 Toddlers
- Language Development
- Early Problem-Solving
- Building Independence
- Explore Freely to Spark Curiosity
- Open space for walking, climbing, and lots of active movement.



the classrooms

Preschool
2-5yr olds

- Ages 2-5yrs
- Each room with space for up to 12 Preschoolers
- Open-ended learning materials that encourage problem-solving
- Fun, engaging spaces that support independence, creativity, and early learning through play

The Preschool classrooms will begin in the smaller upstairs rooms, giving children a cozy and welcoming start as we open for enrollment.

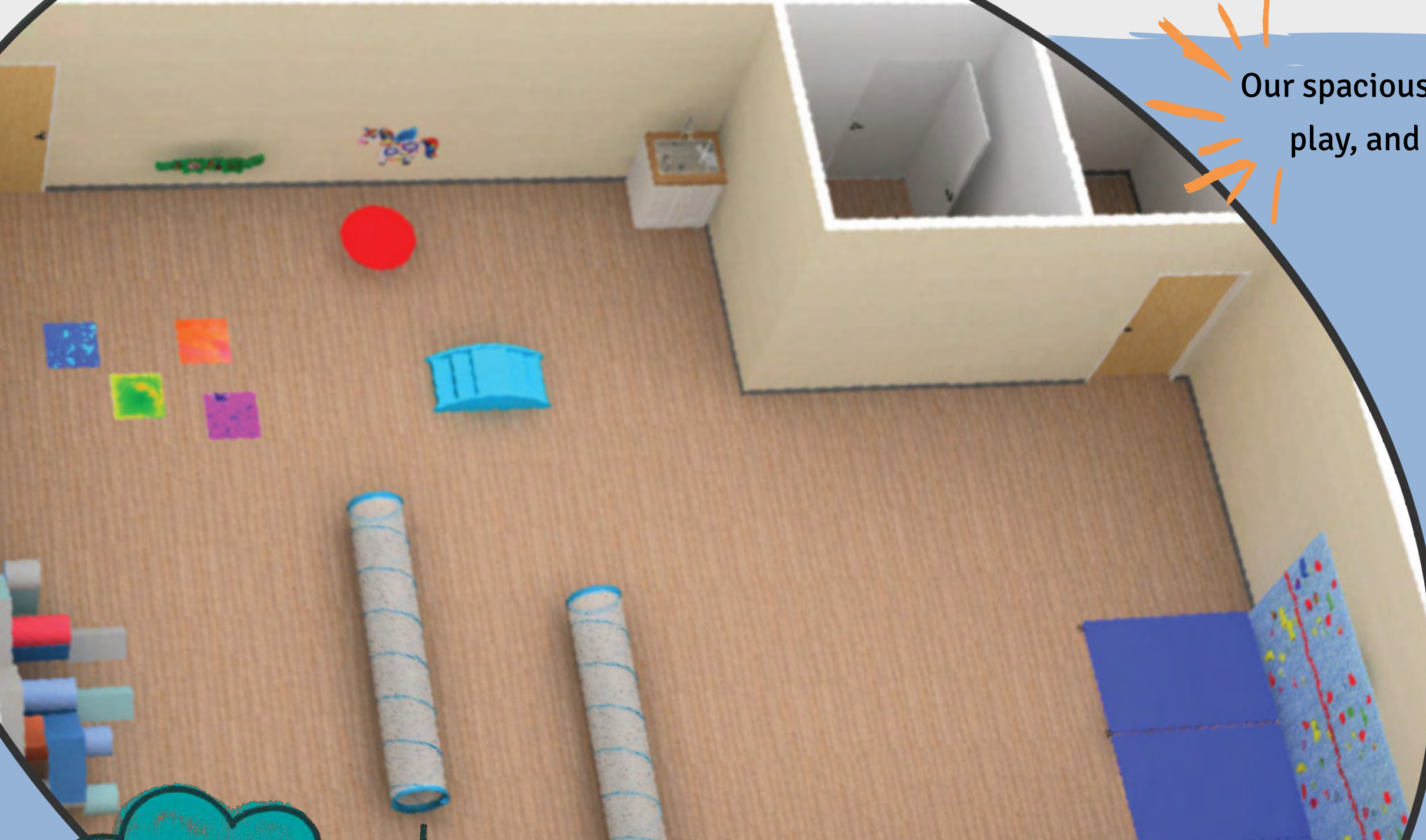


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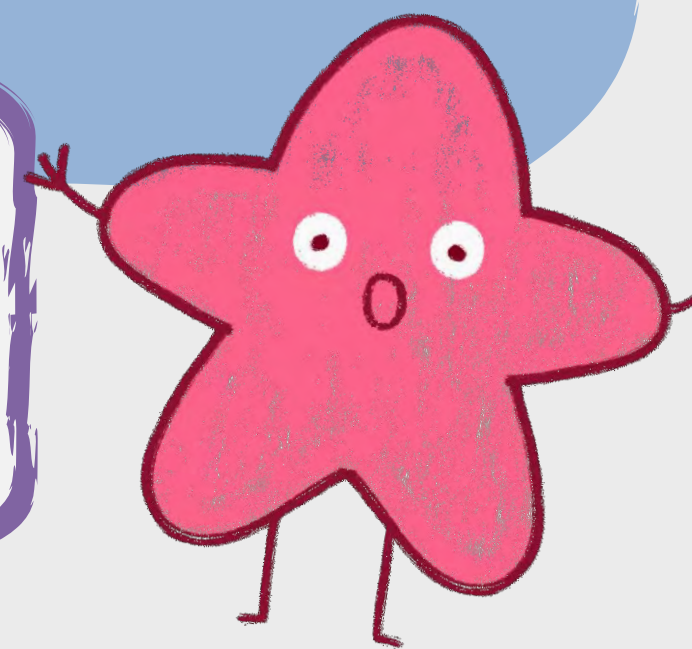
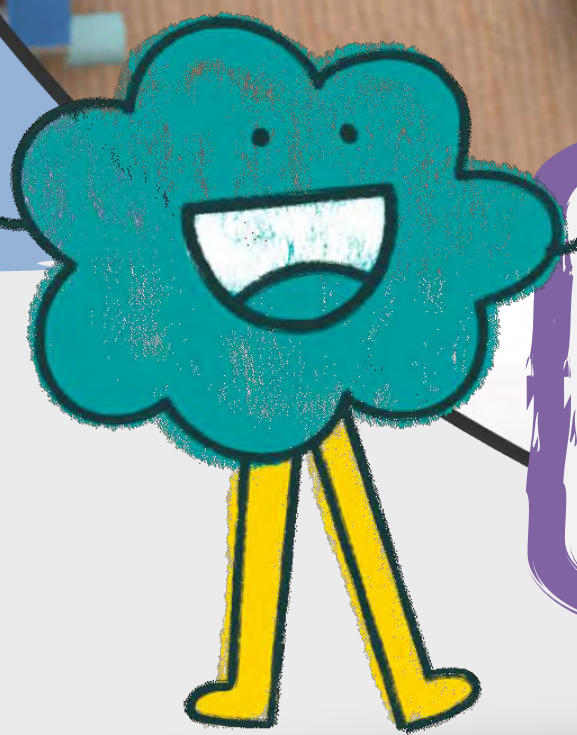


As enrollment grows, the program will expand into the downstairs spaces, where there are four larger classrooms designed to grow with us. These rooms will allow for more flexibility in grouping children by age, with each classroom accommodating about 15-20 children depending on the age group.

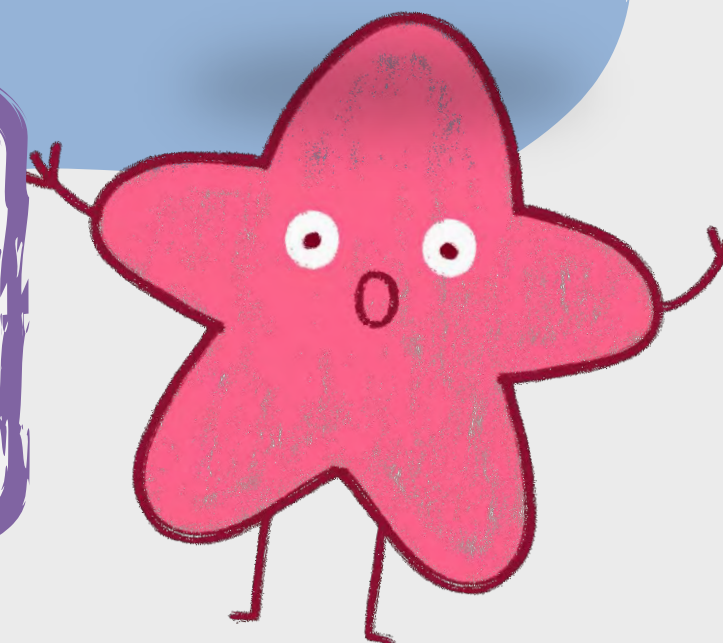


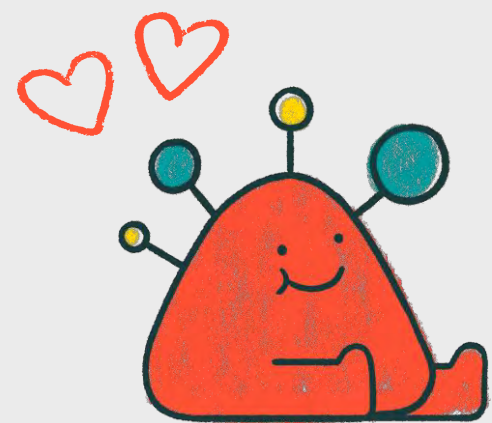
Our spacious indoor play area gives kids plenty of room to move, play, and stay active—no matter what the weather brings.

- Sensory Tiles
- Tunnels
- Large Soft Building Blocks
- Scooters
- Various Balls
- Bowling
- Bean Bag Toss
- Basketball
- Balance Beam
- Stepping Stones
- 6' H x 12' W Climbing Wall
- And More!



The Gross Motor Room





Outside Playgrounds

-safe and Accessible for all-



What Is Pour-In-Place Rubber Surfacing?

COST EFFICIENT

Low-maintenance = lower cost
No need to add or replace as it does not decompose or compact

LONG LASTING

Every vibrant color is guaranteed for 12-year use and is made to withstand the elements

NON-TOXIC

Does not contain any toxic chemicals and is safe for children and pets

ECO-FRIENDLY

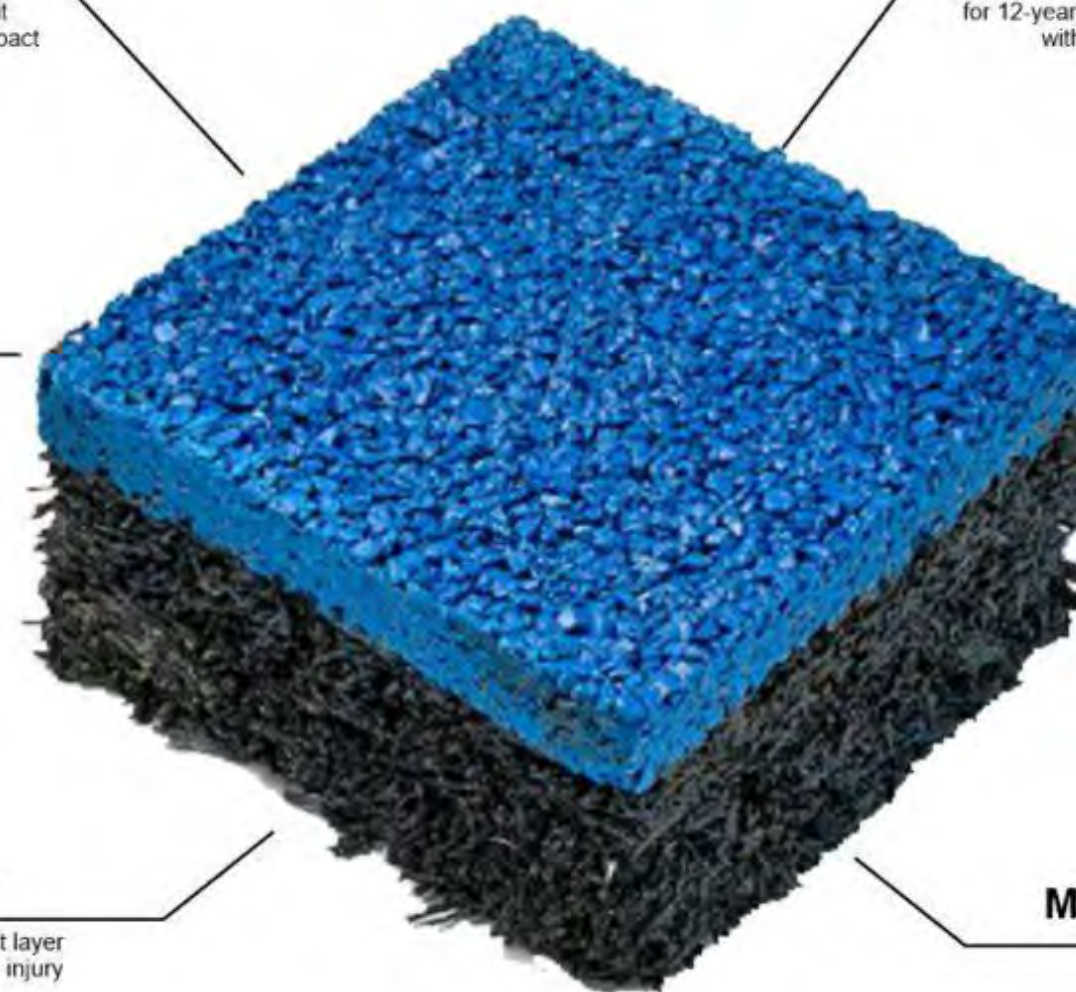
Reduces carbon footprint by using 100% recycled tire material, endorsed by EPA

VERY SAFE

Shock absorbing impact layer help prevent serious injury from falls

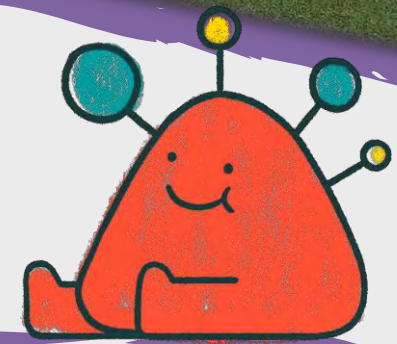
MORE CUSHION

You can increase the thickness of this layer to increase the critical fall height of the surface.



Lots of Outdoor Space to enjoy!

Playground 1: All Ages



Playground 1 is for all ages, however it includes an area designed with our littlest-movers in mind. It will have a soft, grassy-turf space where infants and toddlers can crawl and play comfortably, along with a low "toddle swing" for gentle swinging as they build balance. As they grow and become more mobile, they'll also be able to explore the play structure, with teachers guiding them as they learn to safely climb and slide.

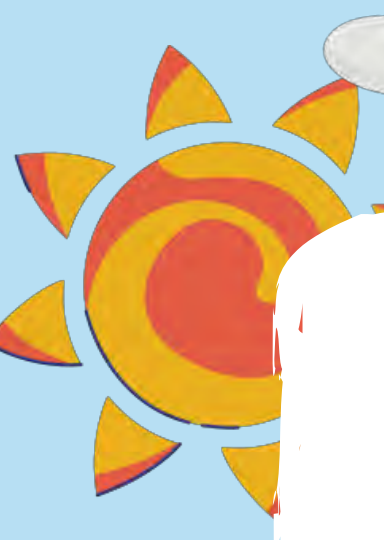
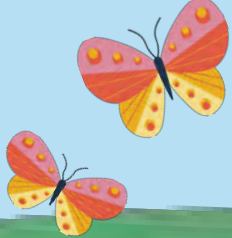
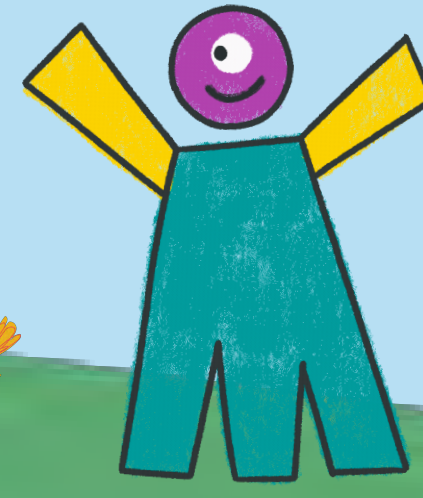
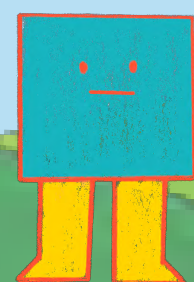
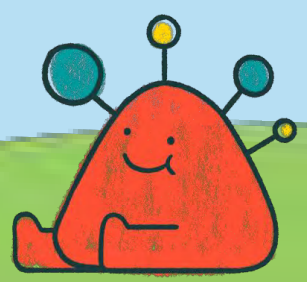
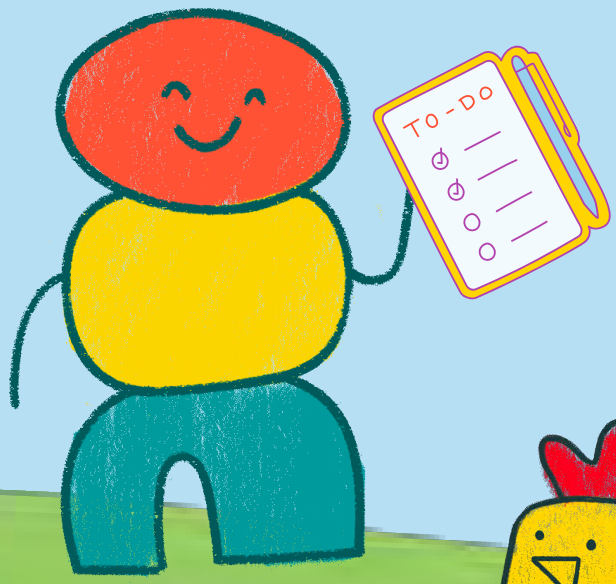
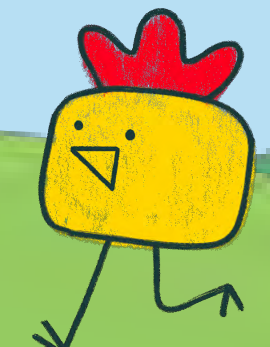
When the Infants and Toddlers are not using this space, it will be open to the older preschoolers as well, giving them plenty of room to run, climb, hop, and swing. And to encourage even more movement and exploration, we'll have a variety of outdoor materials like balls, ride-on toys, bubbles, and more.

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Playground 2: Ages 2-5yrs



Our second playground area is designed with slightly larger equipment, like swings, multiple slides, and a variety of climbing structures, offering preschoolers a range of challenges and activities to explore. The surfacing has a fun ocean theme, adding to the excitement of the play space. It will be a perfect spot for building strength, coordination, and confidence through active outdoor play.

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Get added to our Enrollment Interest List.
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Thank you

We can't wait to start welcoming families soon!