



Developmental Readiness:

Setting your child up for success in the Toddler room

You may be considering enrolling your young child in her first school program. Please consider the following factors as you begin your school search:

Do you feel comfortable separating from your child?

Parents are encouraged to establish a predictable routine in the morning and to say goodbye to their children at the door, allowing them to enter on their own.

Are you ready to maintain consistency at home?

The teachers in the Renaissance Toddler room have the goal of guiding the children toward independence. This means that they will encourage the children to feed themselves, for instance. Likewise, they will encourage the children to help with the diapering process, such as bringing a clean diaper from their cubby to the teacher and washing hands after. Older students are encouraged to dress themselves during the toileting process. Parents who find the most success in an early childhood program such as this are ones who maintain consistency at home. If a child is in underwear at school, he will also be in underwear at home—not a diaper or training pants.

Are you able to attend educational and volunteer events?

At Renaissance we provide learning opportunities for parents on a regular basis. It is in this setting that parents learn more about the independent toileting process, the cognitive phases of young children, setting realistic boundaries at home and more. We also ask that parents volunteer their time at or for the school. These events also allow parents to network. While a typical daycare would not require this of its parents, we feel that a strong community is directly linked to healthy families and children.